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A Turning Point in Balkan Crisis

Worsening Situation Prompts NATO Escalation

By Brian Knowlton iional Herald Tribune

Washington Yugoslavia escalated sharply on Wednesday as NATO officials painted a darkening picture of - The conflict in repression by Serbs in Kosovo, including the shelling of refugees, and they vowed to respond with more focused air attacks that will reportedly include police and military targets in the center

of Belgrade. The alliance rejected proposals to halt the air raids over the Easter holidays. General Klaus Naumann of Germany, head of the Military Committee, said a pause would be "deeply inhumane" because it would give President

Slobodan Milosevic a free hand.

In the Yugoslav capital, Mr. Milosevic and his top aides denounced what they called the "criminal policy" of NATO.

The alliance's civilian spokesman, Jamie Shea, said that Yugoslav authorities in Kosovo were destroying public records, like property deeds, birth certificates and marriage licenses, of ethnic Albanians in what he called an "Or-

wellian' process of 'identity elimination.'

James Rubin, the State Department spokesman, again reported wide-ranging expulsions and executions of ethnic Albanians, as well as looting and torching of villages.
Echoing a comment Tuesday by President Bill

Clinton, he added: "The more President Mi-

losevic carries out these kinds of atrocities in Kosovo, the less the international community can support his claims to sovereignty over Kosovo."
U.S. policy still favors Kosovo autonomy within Serbia, Mr. Rubin said. Bnt referring to

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Mr. Milosevic, he said, "It's simply an analytical fact that he is losing Kosovo."

Mr. Rubin expressed concern over a report that Russia, which has close political and cultural ties to the Serbs, planned to seod from one to seven ships from its Black Sea fleet to the

region for to keep watch on the situation.
The United States is "obviously concerned by

the signal such a large displacement might send to Belgrade and other countries," Mr. Rubin said. Moscow had made it clear, he said, that it did not "intend to become entangled in the conflict in the Balkans." But the deployment is not seen

in Washington as "a particularly helpful gesture," he added. Joe Lockhart, the White House spokesman, said there was some concern that Belgrade might wrongly interpret the deployment to mean that the Russian vows of noninterference might be

'less than rock-solid." The New York Times quoted allied officials as saying there was nneasiness about bombing

over the Easter holiday weekend and that there was a strong desire in some NATO countries, especially in Greece and Italy, to find ways to

justify a pause.
In Brussels, a NATO spokesman said that to halt the bombing campaign on Easter, and thos ease pressure on the Serbian forces pursuing ethnic Albanians, would be "deeply inhumane," and he ruled out any respite in the air

As described by NATO officials, the urgent situation on the ground in Kosovo, coupled with the approach of Easter, appeared to place the alliance's strategy of forcing an end to the vi-

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Cloudy Skies Force Pilots To Abort Many Strikes

By Eric Schmitt New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Hampered by overcast skies in recent days, NATO warplanes have bombarded Serbian Army forces, airfields and supply depots around the clock but failed again to knock out air defenses or blunt Serbia's offensive in Kosovo.

Clouds and poor visibility have forced scores of allied fighter-bombers to about their missions in the weeklong air campaign and return to base, their laser-guided bombs still in their racks, military officials say,

On only one day in eight have pilots had optimal conditions for bombing — a cloud ceiling of at least 25,000 feet (7,600 meters) and visibility of more than five miles (8 kilometers). Tank-killing A-10 Warthogs have flown patrol, but, as of late Tuesday, they had not dared to dip down into the range of surface-to-air.

Under strict rules to attack only when targets are visible to avoid civilian damage, pilots, flying mostly at night, have had to dan in and out of clear patches of sky to drop their payloads.

The weather has not been in our

favor," said Vice Admiral Scott Fry, director of operations for the military's Joint Staff. "It has gotten more difficult with each succeeding night." He refused to say how many missions had been canceled because of the weather.

While the Balkans are notorious for fog and rain, the week has been un-usually difficult, officials said, putting

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An image from Serbian television showing hundreds of people on the move in Pristina, the capital of Kosovo.

Kosovo Refugees Follow Trail of Tears

By Peter Finn

MORINA PASS, On the Albania-Yngoslavia border — For 10 hours, Ismet Kabashi. 50, and his neighbor, Nuhi Kulla, 50, lay in a muddy ditch in their village of Pirane, near

the southern Kosovo city of Prizren.

Their farm community of 700 people had been surrounded by Yugoslav troops late last week, and the two fled and hid as soldiers entered Pirane around 8:30 one morning. As they lay wet and shivering, they could hear soldiers going house to house, gunfire occasionally crackling.

By 6:30 P.M., the village had quieted, and the two emerged

and crept to their homes to get fresh clothes and check on their families. Mr. Kabashi said he returned to a slaughterhouse. His father, Shabam Kabashi, 78, lay at the back of the sitting room, face up, the top of his head blown away. Malush Tulla, 70, a neighbor, lay dead in an armchair with bullet holes in his head. Mr. Tulla's wife, Dudie, also 70, lay face down, just inside the front door, blocking it as Mr. Kabashi tried to

"I have nothing now," Mr. Kabashi said after crossing into Albania on Tuesday with his mother, Gjylsha, 70, who sat sileotly in an open tractor cart that was packed with other

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Allies' Bid to Halt Serbs Faces Serious Obstacles

Failure to Stop Milosevic Strains NATO Unity

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

BRUSSELS - Senior NATO officials say they confront serious military and political difficulties in halting a brutal Serh offensive that has already devastated Kosovo and overwhelmed neighboring states with a massive flood of refugees

Allied commanders have revised their strategy to focus more firepower on disrupting Serb attacks on the ground and pummeling targets right up the chain of command.

chain of command.

But there are no guarantees that the broadened scope and accelerated tempo of bomhing raids that was approved hy allied governments early Wednesday will succeed. By the terms of its original mission, which the secretary-general of NATO, Javier Solana Madariaga, described as "the need to stop the killing and prevent a humanitarian disaster." and prevent a humanitarian disaster, NATO already appears to have failed.

Alliance commanders say the new strategy will take direct aim at Yugoslavia's political and military hierarchy, including President Slobodan Milosevic. General Klaus Naumann, chairman of NATO's military committee, said: "His sole interest is to cling to power. We are going to grind his armed forces to pieces and chip away at all of the instruments that keep him in power

until we succeed.' Key decisions in the bombing campaign are placing enormous stress on the

SEOUL - The United States has

warned North Korea of "very serious consequences" if it test-fires or exports

its new long-range missiles, a senior U.S. official said Wednesday.

North Korea said it would not change its missile policy under "constant threats" from the United States, but

there were reports that it was willing to

consider limits on its missile program in

return for cash compensation.

Any further flight-testing of long-range missiles and any further exports would have "very serious negative consequences" for the evolution of rela-

tions between the United States and North Korea, Robert Einhorn, the

deputy assistant secretary of state for

U.S. Warns North Korea

Not to Test or Sell Missiles



Pope John Paul II is sending a delegation to Belgrade to discuss peace.

cumbersome process of maintaining consensus. When Italy and Greece raised the idea of a bornhing pause over Easter, allied military commanders warned that a 10-day moratorium - from Good Friday to the celebration of Christian Orthodox Easter - would allow Mr. Milosevic to lay waste to Kosovo and finish his "ethnic cleans-

ing" campaign with impunity.
[In Rome, where the Italian government has had to repeatedly fend off

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Indonesia Seen on Mend With a Rebound in '99

By Michael Richardson

JAKARTA — Indonesia's badly patiered economy appears to be sta-plizing and could return to growth beore the year is out, according to officials and analysts who have been

Their cautious reassessment came as Standard & Poor's Corp., the U.S.-based credit-rating concern, said Wednesday that the outlook for Indonesia's foreign and local currency debt

It said this was so even though Indonesia's corporate sector had been 'devastated' by the collapse of the rupiah as financial turmoil spread from Thalland to other parts of East Asia in 1997 and 1998. The report, on the day before in-

donesia starts its new hudget year, followed several recent promising developments — including major surgery to restore the heavily indebted banking system to health and an agreement with reign banks that allows local banks

more time to repay their loans.
It attributed the improvement to moves by the Indonesian central bank, backed by the International Monetary Fund, to restore monetary discipline, stabilize the rupiah, and reduce inflation from almost 70 percent in 1998 to an

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expected average of about 25 percent in 1999.

Indonesian financial markets were closed Wednesday for the end of the fiscal year. But the dollar was quoted at 8,745 rupiah at the close of trading on Tuesday - almost exactly the same level as a year earlier.

The dollar brought only 2,400 rupiah before the East Asian financial crisis struck in July 1997.

Hit hy that crisis, Indonesia's economy shrank by 13 percent in 1998-99. But Dono Iskandar Djojosubroto, managing director of Bank Indonesia, the

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nonproliferation, said after flying into Seoul from Pyoogyang.
Talks on the North Korean missile

program have been held sporadically since April 1996. But this round of talks was the first

since Pyongyang surprised the world last August by firing a new generation, three-stage rocket that flew over Japan and into the Pacific. North Korea said it was only putting a

small satellite into orbit, but the test has added to tensioo in its relatioos with several countries, especially Japan.

Mr. Einhorn is scheduled to fly to Tokyo on Thursday to brief Japanese officials. He held talks in Pyongyang on Monday and Tuesday about the North Korean missile program, and he said the discussions were substantive but achieved no hreakthrough.

"This round of talks was highly substantive," he said. "We had frank ex-changes. I can't say we made any break-

North Korea repeated its demand for compensation to end exports of missiles and missile technology, a senior U.S. administration official said.

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Revival Built on a Glittering Museum

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Guggenheim Bilbao Draws Crowds and Cash to Basque Country City

By T.R. Reid Washington Post Service

BILBAO, Spain - Can a single building bring a whole city back to

More precisely, can a single modern building designed for an abandoned shipyard by a laid-back California architect breathe new economic and cultural life into a decaying industrial city in the Spanish rust belt?

It would be a tall order for an ordinary building, but the sprawling, curving, shimmering titanium struc-ture that Frank Gehry designed for the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao is anything but that, Philip Johnson, no mean architect himself, calls Mr. Gehry's new museum "the greatest building of our time." The Times of London says it is "the world's most exciting modern

building."
And for Bilbao's debt-ridden goverament, which somehow scratched to- our years of terrorist violence. But now

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gether \$100 million to place a huge bet on this daring structure, it has been a smashing success.

In the 18 months since the museum opened, tonrism here in Spain's Basque Country has increased 28 percent, nearly all of it attributed to the Guggenheim.

A study hy the consulting firm KPMG found that the museum "in its first 12 months generated added value and wealth in the economy of the Basque Country of more than \$160 million" — enough to create 3,800 jobs. For cities around the world, it has become the classic case study of economic revival based on culture.

"Normally, you couldn't say that a single huilding saved a city," said Josu Jon Imaz, commerce minister of the provincial government. "But this building — it's magic! "Our media image in Basque Country had unfortunately been shaped by

the reports are about our wonderful museum. We are depicted as modern. alive, a place that turned to the arts to improve the urban environment.

The commerce minister said that the impact goes beyond tourism, which has never been as important here in the gritty cities of northern Spain as it is on the sunny Mediterranean shores far to the south.

"To attract industry, a region needs a transport infrastructure, good communications, an educated labor force. We always had that, but who knew? Today, our Guggenheim Museum gets companies to come here in the first place, and then they see what we have

The Basque government has hired other prominent architects to help reverse its battered image. A new suhway system, new bridges and a new airport are also in the works.

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The museum added \$160 million to the local economy in 12 months.

For a Pickpocket, 12, the Pickings Are Good

By Seth Faison New York Times Service

EKOU, China — Pert and smiley, with a slaggy walk and jerky manner, Du Renming looks as amiable as an overgrown

Days go by: Renming hangs out by a river that scrapes along the jagged uoderbelly of China's long southern girth, with Vietnam oo the other side. Renming, 12, seems aimless, but he is always looking for an easy victim.

Here it comes. Maybe. A gaggle of red-capped

tourists from oorthern China approach a clearing by the riverfront, chattering and snapping pictures. Renming circles in, eyes darting. He drifts along-side an overweight woman with a fat red purse, but she ootices him getting close and clutches her moneybag, and be backs off.

Penning is a nicknocket. He survives and

Renming is a pickpocket. He survives, and thrives, feeding off the unsuspecting. He is in his element in this seedy border town, where cunning seems a virtue and lawlessness is rewarded.

Pasty-faced call girls loiter in front of "beauty

parlors' that line the riverfroot, offering a sham-poo, a massage or more. Gambling takes place openly on card tables inside small storefroots. Heroin is readily available and cheap, coming from

nearby Burma and Laos.

It is not a healthy environment for a child. Then again, it is not really a healthy place for anyone. Except maybe for someone looking for "black money," as the Chinese call income earned illicitly.

China's Communist officials often appear to
outsiders like stern, authoritarian keepers of a well-

oiled mosolith. Outside Beijing, however, life on the ground often seems so chaotic and thinly monitored that the government has trouble keeping track, much less keeping control. That may be especially true in a border town. ·A lot of youngsters here, Renming says, oo

longer bother with school.
"It's boring," he said. "My ma says I can learn

more earning money oo the street. His mother, Yang Lihua, shucks sugarcane in front of a little stall where she also sells soft drinks and plastic footwear.

"He goes to school," she protested at first. But in the course of conversation, she softened: "Not every day. Sometimes."

ER BANANA trade went bad last year, Mrs. Yang complained, as suppliers from Vietnam became too numerous. So with her soft drink stall barely breaking even, she says she needs the mooey her soo brings in. How moch is that?

'It depends,' she said, demurring. In part, it depends oo bow many times Renming gets caught by the local police, who usually let him go after his mother produces some "compensation" in the form of cash. Sometimes, Renming says, his mother and the police squabble over the price. He has often spent the night in the local police



Renming, right, feeds off the unsuspecting. He is in his element in this seedy border town, where cunning seems a virtue and lawlessness is rewarded.

sitting outside a beauty parlor he runs, joined by his four "cows," as he calls his prostitutes. Expressionless, they ignore the insults he reg-

ularly tosses their way.
"Business is bad," Mr. Liu moaned. "People aren't spending as much as they did last year."
Mr. Liu tried his hand in the banana trade, too, but

gave up last year for the same reason as Mrs. Yang. Running a beauty parlor is better, be said, and the authorities do not bother him.

"The police bere are all my friends." Mr. Liu said cheerfully, explaining that he is a former policeman himself.

Over at the bridge that leads to Vietnam, smalltime trade seems brisk. Five Vietnamese peasants with cone-shaped straw hats push their transport, a single bicycle, loaded down with a dozeo burlap sacks bursting with coconuts.

An old truck lumbers across the bridge, arriving at the Chinese side with bemp piled as high as a haystack, to be used for whisk brooms. A crowd of Vietnamese womeo, some dressed in the traditional ao dai gowns, tore cooking utensils, knitwear and

sacks of rice back home.

It is a lax border. Children playing in the river below the bridge often swim to the Vietnam side and station, waiting for a deal to be cut.

A few blocks away, a pimp named Liu, sporting a fine polo shirt and a crewcut, spends most afternoons

below the bridge often swim to the Vietnam side and back. No one seems to mind.

'I'll oever love again,' she said simply, as though she had lost an odd possession. 'The main thing is to make proper. Less and too good at that, either it.

tensibly checking civilian traders, lets most of them pass unchecked. Courteous and talkative, be seemed most concerned one recent morning with explaining the history of the bridge.

"It was built in the Qing dynasty," be said, shifting into authoritative mode. "It was built by imperialist French and patriotic Chinese and it stayed open until 1979, when the war with Vietnam broke out.

The war between China and Vietnam, that is.
"They beat you," the guard said to a visiting
American. "But we completely demolished them."
A historian might differ. After China invaded Vietnam to "teach it a lesson" for its incursioo into Cambodia, Vietnam's battle-tested army actually defeated the Chinese. It was years before the bridge reopened, in 1991.

But who wants to challenge a man in uniform? Back at Mrs. Yang's soda stand, Renming sipped Sprite while be eyed passers-by. His mother was sbucking sugarcane again, and on her forearm a faded tattoo spelled the word "regret." "That was three years ago," she said, after her

husband ran off with a younger woman, leaving her with two young children and a dying business.

Pussing R. EU Makes Plans to Aid Refugees From Kosovo

By Barry James sernational Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - The European Union will discuss plans next week to take in refugees from Kosovo and set up a new fund to finance relief operations and repatriate displaced persons, officials said Wednesday.
Foreign ministers and probably in-

terior and justice ministers "will talk about burden-sharing, in terms of fi-nancing and the number of people they take in, and the kind of minimum rights to grant the refugees who are arriving in EU countries," said a spokesman for the European Commission, Nico Wegter.

He said the commission, the EU's executive body, had proposed that goveroments set up an annual 15 million euro (\$16.2 millioo) fund for refugee relief and repatriation.

Earlier, the commission cleared 10 million euros to aid countries neighboring Kosovo and announced it would make 15 million euros available to finance economic projects in Albania, Macedonia and Montenegro. This was in addition to amounts and aid in kind pledged by European oations, including £10 million (\$16.1 million) from Britain, 75 million (\$16.2 million) from Britain, 75 million (\$16.3 million) francs (\$12.3 million) from France, 25 million Deutsche marks (\$13.7 million) from Germany, 20 million Swiss francs (\$13.5 million) from Switzerland, and

significant amounts from Norway, Poland. Denmark and Sweden.

In the United States, President Bill Clinton on Wednesday authorized spending \$50 million to address the Kosovo refugee crisis, the White House said. Half of the money will represent services and supplies from the Defense Department and the other half will come from an emergency refugee account.
In addition, the U.S. Agency for In-

ternational Development was coordinating efforts by dozens of relief groups, and the government earlier gave \$8.5 million to the United Nations High Commissions of the United Nations High Commissions of the United Nations High Commissions and Proposed Section 1988. sioner for Refugees to boy immediately needed stocks of food and medicine.

President Jacques Chirac of France called on the EU to coordinate a "broad plan to relieve the suffering of the refugees and belp the countries wel-coming them," according to a spokes-man. He also suggested that ethnic Albanian refugees from Kosovo be given new identity papers to prove their cit-izenship. Refugees said Yugoslav forces

izenship. Kefugees said Yugoslav forces had stripped them of documents to make it difficult for them to renum.

The EU said it had enough money and supplies to cope with the flood of refugees in the near term, including stocks of food and medicines in Bosnia and Croatia.

"The main problem is logistic," said a spokesman for the EU's commissioner. spokesman for the EU's commissioner for humanitarian affairs, Emma Bonino.

Pacifists Speaking Up in Bonn

Bombing Reported Causing 'Unrest' in Greens Party

By John Schmid tional Herald Tribuni

FRANKFURT — Pacifist factions from both center-left parties in Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's government are voicing doobts and opposition to NATO air strikes against Yogoslavia, political leaders said Wednesday.

The sharpest opposition came from the Greens party, the jumior partner to Mr. Schroeder's Social Democrats, with almost daily appeals since the weekend

almost daily appeals since the weekend from the party's anti-war activists. Hans-Christian Stroebele, a Greens

member of the Bundestag, announced in Bonn that he had collected 500 sig-natures from within the party to demand an end to the bombardment.

Mr. Stroebele is leading an effort to organize a national party coogress to debate the party's stand on Kosovo. If approved, then Mr. Stroebele will ask for a vote on a resolution to halt the military

raction: a spokesman for Mr. Stroebele confirmed that some party delegates said.

The air raids the which German pilots flying Tornado warplanes are taking part in the nation's first offensive military engagement since World Wey II have engagement since World War II, have caused "endless turest" in the Greens

party, Mr. Stroebele said. oined six other Greens Bundestag members in a written declaration titled, "Halt Die Welt said.

the Air Attacks Immediately!" Tuesday, the party spokeswoman, Antie Radcke, a leader in the party's ideo-logically "fundamentalist" wing, said she was unwilling to support "the logic of military escalation.

The Greens entered national government for the first time in October, Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, a leading Greens pragmatist, has supported Bonn's involvement in the eight-day-ohi Mr. Schroeder also this week endured

criticism from leaders in his own party Henning Voscherau, former mayor of Hamburg and an influential Schroeder ally, has become the leading Social Democratic critic of Bonn's participa-

"I consider your way wrong," Mr. Voscherao told Mr. Schroeder in a meeing of the party's leadership on Monday. according to German press reports. A spokeswoman for the Social-Democrats

'As the Serbs in Kosovo continue to murder and evacuate, there are serious discussions in the party leadership of the Over the weekend, Mr. Stroebele SPD and Greens over the suspension of the NATO air attacks on Yugoslavia," 1P0 1: 1

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Joe Williams, Jazz Singer, Dies at 80

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Joe Williams, whose urbane bass-baritone and suavely heartbroken songs made him one of the most important singers in jazz, died Monday in Las Vegas. He was 80.

Mr. Williams collapsed on a city street a few blocks from his bome after walking out of Sunrise Hospital, where be had been admitted last week for a respiratory ailment. The hospital had reported him missing several bours before his body was found.

Roo Flud, the Clark County Coroner, said Mr. Williams had apparently died of natural causes.

As a blues and ballad singer, Mr. Williams was widely admired for his heartfelt tone and impeccable timing. "He sang real sonl blues oo which his perfect enunciation of the words gave the blues a new dimension," Duke Ellington wrote in his autobiography. "Music Is My Mistress." "All the accents were in the right places and on the

Mr. Williams traded supple synco-pations with big bands and small groups

voice could also reach raw blue notes and breaking, ululating inflections that harked back to the music's African roots. As the singer with the Count Basie Orchestra in the 1950s, he carried the

group to its commercial peak, beginning

with what became his signature song,

Memphis Slim's "Every Day (I Have the Blues). The jazz singer Cassandra Wilsoo said Tuesday: "He brought the blues from the country to the city. His voice is

rich and it's bittersweet, but it's a very composed sound. Everything is wellformed in his mind before he opens his mouth, and it's flawlessly executed. He reminds me of autumn. His voice is bronze and burnt sienna and golden, warm and enveloping, just an incredible instrument. It's a life's work to create that kind of a sound."

Mr. Williams reached his broadest audience in the 1980s with occasional televisioo appearances on "The Cosby Show" as Grandpa Al, whose remin-iscences about Chicago were often drawn from his own life. But his recording career cootinued into the 1990s. His album "Nothin' but the Blues" won

and gave ballads a tender anthority; his him a Grammy Award in 1984 as best z vocalist

He was named Joseph Goreed when be was born to a teen-aged mother oo Dec. 12, 1918, in the small town of Cordele, Georgia. When he was 3, his grandmother took him to Chicago, where his mother had good to work as a cook; be lived with his mother and aunt, who both played the piano.

He sang in church, learned some piaoo and listened to jazz and opera oo the radio, particularly to Ethel Waters, whose precise diction and deep emotion left a lasting impression on his style.

He started singing with a teen-aged gospel quartet when he was 14. A year later, he was found to have tuberculosis and had to have a lung collapsed for treatment, but his voice was undamaged. Well into the 1990s, Mr. Williams

was one of the most dependably moving performers in jazz. Standing oearly still, perhaps with his bands folded in froot of him, he would make ballads sound like resonant, intimate conversation, then open up a blues with a voice that was both knowing and heartsick.

He is survived by his wife, Jillean Hughes-D'Aeth, and daughter.

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TRAVEL UPDATE

Iberia Strike Causes Cancellations

MADRID (AP) - Spain's state-owned airline, Iberia, and striking pilots bave failed so far to end a work stoppage that is causing disruptions for Easter boliday travelers.

Iberia, which is being privatized, said it had canceled 400 flights in the first four days of the strike, and plans to scrap another 188 between Thursday and Monday. The carrier

averages 200 flights a day.

Pilots called the strike to protest what they call Iberia's failure to sign a new contract and its hiring of new pilots at a lower pay scale than the existing one.

Staff on Airlines Neglect Disabled

WASHINGTON (NYT) - Disabled air travelers are often mistreated by airline personnel and denied special accom-

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modations, including access to wheelchairs and escorts, in violation of a 1926 law, according to a report by the National Couocil on Disability. The federal advisory agency's report recommends changes in the law and in enforcement by the Transportation Department.

JFK To Get Wind Shear Detector WASHINGTON (NYT) - Twenty-four years after a crash near John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York was

caused by wind shear, New York City is finally expected to get a new radar to spot the problem. Every other major U.S. airport already bas the wind-shear

detection system, which senses movements in dust or water vapor. It looks for a phenomenon called a "microburst," in which wind blows straight down and then fans out horizontally.

Japan Air Lines Goes Smokeless

TOKYO (AP) — Japan Air Lines will ban smoking no all international flights as of Thursday — but it will offer passengers an alternative. Those who find the transition to smokefree flying troublesome can ask their flight attendant for help. They will receive a small plastic tube to help them suppress the urge, said Irene Jackson, a JAL spokeswoman. "It's for oral gratification," she said.

Museum staff in Portugal plan to strike over Easter, disrupting tourism in a protest at having to work too many public bolidays. Lisbon's Ancient Art Museum and 16th century Jeronimos monastery are among sites likely to shut down during the strike.

The United States will maintain its ban oo direct flights to Nigeria for the near future despite improved bilateral re-lations, according to a U.S. diplomat. The diplomat, who asked not to be oamed, said Tuesday that security remained a concern at Lagos's international airport, despite warming relations. (AFP)



THE AMERICAS

A Hat-Passing Race for 2000 Hopefuls, With Dollars a Sign of Their Strength

By Richard L. Berke New York Times Service

AUSTIN, Texas - Presidential candidates, who always seem desperate for leaders and in the press. money, have been racing around the country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more feverishly in the last several days hitting to a country even more fever and the country even more fever in th twisting arms even tighter than usual

The White House hopefuls have been scrambling to meet a daunting deadline: for the two early favorites, Governor they could by the close of business on

This frenzy was set off because firstquarter fund-raising reports that can-didates file with the Federal Election Commission cover the period through March 31.

Since there are few tangible ways to gange a candidate's strength 10 months said Mr. Bush would probably take in before the first votes are cast, these first about \$4 million.

filings have taken on outsized imporfilings have taken on outsized imporBy contrast, former Vice President game," said Rick Wright, the national planned in April or May that didn't show tance. The hope among campaigns is Dan Quayle, who, his advisers said, exfinance director for former Senator Bill up in the report?"

Birmingham, Alabama, on Monday.
Most other campaigns have had to hustle that they can demonstrate, through raw dollar, their credibility among party pects to raise \$2 million, played down In 1988, Michael Dukakis collected instructing their staffs to be sure to deposit

several days, hitting np contributors at back-to-back fund-raising events and back-to-back fund-raising events and tenders will have to collect the bulk of the Republican primaries in 1980 and tenders will have to collect the bulk of the Republican primaries in 1980 and their war chests this year.

Expectations are highest, of course, They wanted to amass as much money as George Bush of Texas and Vice Presfound out that wasn't true." ident Al Gore. It is in their interest to play up the importance of early money. and another Texan Republican four Asked in an interview in Austin on Tuesday how crucial the first-quarter report would be, Mr. Bush said, "It's the

His finance chairman, Don Evans,

first bit of real hard news there is in a

won just one delegate, he added, "This idea that you need to be No. 1 in fund

Indeed, as in the case of Mr. Connally years ago, Senator Phil Gramm, reading too much into these reports can be an arbitrary exercise. Many campaigns have just gotten under way. Rlizabeth Dole, for example, has scheduled her first big fund-raiser for late April.

Yet sometimes these early filings are quite telling. "It shows you're in the

more money, earlier, than any other every check by March 31. (The quarterly Democratic presidential candidate. His reports do not actually have to be filed fat bank account forced political professionals and prospective supporters to until April 15.) And it has not stopped take him seriously - and those early campaigns from trying to lower expecperceptions helped him win the nom-

"They all want to look good," said Stan Huckaby, a consultant who is advising several Republican presidential candidates on how to set up their fundraising structures. "Bnt I don't think in the first quarter you really know any-

"If you had a candidate who raised a

with the Federal Election Commission tations about how much they will raise.

Advisers to Mr. Gore, for example, have been telling reporters in recent days that his only rival for the Democratic nomination, Mr. Bradley, has been wildly successful in raising money.

Mr. Gore has been raising money longer than Mr. Bush, and his advisers Smith, Republican of New Hampshire, said they expected to take in as much as also was making excuses even before the \$7 million. As part of the vice president's small amount of money by the 31st of end-of-the-quarter hectic pnsh for "Unfortunately, we didn't start rais-March, to know how he's really doing money, his campaign mailed a soliciting mooey until the end of February. yon should ask specific questions such ation to 500,000 people on March 17 and literally." He said he could get by any-

Most other campaigns have had to hustle even more hluntly. Senator John Mc-Cain, Republican of Arizona, integrated the quarterly reports into his pitch.

At the end of March, we will file an FEC report," he said at a breakfast in Washington last week. "That will be the next judgment that the chattering class around here will make. We will have raised a sufficient amount of money to

be credible. Ever mindful of Mr. Bush, he added, 'We're not going to raise the most

money." Another candidate, Senator Robert end of the filing period.

as: Does he have major fund-raisers held fund-raising events in Chicago and way because 'I'm a very frugal guy.

Smoking Suit Ends in Award Of \$81 Million

By Barry Meier

NEW YORK - A state jury in Portland, Oregon, has ordered the largest award yet in a smoking-related lawsnit, ruling that Philip Morris Cos. must pay \$81 million to the family of a man who smoked Mariboro cigarettes for four decades before he died.

The verdict Tuesday, coming just a month after a San Francisco jury awarded \$51 million in another case brought by an individual smoker against Philip Morris, could indicate that the tobacco industry's legal fortunes may have shifted, analysts said. nments damaging to cigarette makers which industry analysts say may be a

factor in the jury decisions.
For example, in both cases involving Philip Morris, the juries called for large punitive damages, which are meant to his goals."

punish a company for its behavior. In its decision Tuesday, the jury awarded the California verdict, said that it lung cancer was diagnosed. In the San cedural grounds, Francisco case, the jury awarded \$50



In recent years, the public has wit- Mayola Williams, left, and her daughter, Joann, smiling in Oregon after nessed a constant drumbeat of doc- they won the biggest liability award ever against a tobacco company.

> "He wanted to make cigarette companies stop lying about the health prob-lems of smokers," she told The As-sociated Press. "This jury agreed with his goals."

punish a company for its behavior. In its decision Tuesday, the jury awarded the California verdict, said that it \$79.5 million in punitive damages and would also appeal the Oregon verdict. \$1.6 million in compensatory damages Higher courts have thrown out the few to the family of Jesse Williams, a jan-itor who died in 1997, five months after arette-related lawsuits, often on pro-

"No verdict has ever withstood an million in punitive damages. appeal and we don't believe this will be more appeal and we don't believe this will be appeal and we don't believe this will be more appeal and we don't believe this will be groups of the earlier settled. Tuesday that he had had a dying wish.

Morris, which is the largest U.S. cigarette maker.

Gary Black, a tobacco industry analyst with Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. in New York, said that added to the California decision, the Oregon verdict sug-gested that the industry's \$206 billion settlement last year with 46 states had failed to put its legal troubles to rest.

Under that agreement, which re-solved lawsuits brought by the states to recover health care expenses related to smoking, individual smokers and groups of them can still sue. Four states earlier settled their claims in deals with

Kosovo Spotlight Shines on Gore

By Katharine Q. Seelye New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - While some Reouhlican presidential candidates are trying to avoid the thorny subject of American involvement in Kosovo, Vice President Al Gore does not have that luxury,

The vice president is inextricably entwined with the Clinton administration's policy on the bombing campaign. He wir. Cunton has largely been using the bombing while he campaigns and raises money across the country—a political money across the country — a political pursuit that Republicans have called "a disgrace" while Americans are at risk in the aerial conflict,

Behind the scenes, Mr. Gore was the one who informed former Presidents George Bush, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter of the impending air strikes.

He called Prime Minister Yevgeni

Primakov of Russia to tell him that NATO was beginning the bombings, leading Mr. Primakov to cancel a meeting in Washington and turn his flight around over the Atlantic. Mr. Gore has been meeting privately with President Bill Clinton and parti-

cipates in military briefings at the White In expressing his support for the bombing, Mr. Gore said in Alabama, "Despite the risks, in my opinion, we are

doing the right thing."
Administration officials say that Mr. Gore has always carried weight on for-

months in Vietnam — and because he specialized in subjects such as arms control during his eight years in the Senate.

"The vice president always comes to the table prepared and with strong views," said Joe Lockhart, Mr. Clinton's spokesman. "I know the president relies on him. He's the one who has no institutional representation; he doesn't represent the Pentagon, he doesn't represent the State Department."

ulating the policy," an administration official said.

When the bomhing began last week, Mr. Gore's team considered scrapping a long-planned political trip to New Hampshire. But they concluded that the amount of press sttention that he would attract - this was the first trip on which he was to mingle with small groups of voters — would be useful in helping to advance the administration's policy.

Indeed, while he was in North Conway, New Hampshire, on Friday night, his interviews about Kosovo with local television stations were hroadcast by the national networks.

Mr. Gore said that although the decision to begin air strikes was a difficult one, "it was not an especially controversial decision internally" because the administration was convinced that President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia was committing atrocities.

"Everybody understands this guy is a eign affairs in the White House, partly hutcher," Mr. Gore said, adding that he administration has no clear exit strategy

In a half-dozen speeches throughout his two-day swing across New Hampshire, the vice president talked about the bomhings.

At a gathering of about 70 people in a living room in Concord, he described Mr. Milosevic this way: "He's one of these junior-league Hitler types who tries to hold on to power hy stirring up

hatred among his own people."

He said of American participation in

In response to a question, Mr. Gore said: "I do not support the introduction of ground troops in comhat settings in the Bslkans. I helieve we can achieve our objectives through the use of air That comment was a clearer formu-

lation than other administration officials, including Mr. Clinton, have offered in their briefings and speeches, when they have taken care to say they have "no plans" for ground troops. Mr. Gore is virtually the only pres-

idential candidate who, whether hy design or duty, has tied himself so definitively to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization mission, and if the Kosovo campaign turns sour and loses public support, he would have the most difficult time extricating himself politically.

Mr. Gore's only rival for the Democratic nomination, Bill Bradley, a former senator from New Jersey, has raised red flags about the effort, saying that the because of his military service — he expected the hombing to continue for a worked as an army journalist for seven long time.

BOOKS.

APOCALYPSE PRETTY SOON Travels in End-Time

By Alex Heard_Illustrated. 360 pages. \$24.95. W.W. Norton. Reviewed by Maureen Corrigan

As THE hours tick down to the end of the millennium and anxiety escalates over the advent of the Antichrist, computer bugs and Dick Clark's nhimate "New There are the life extension-Year's Rockin' Eve," I catch ists who believe that megamyself fantasizing about the doses of vitamins will keep old story of Rip Van Winkle. them breathing for centuries, Ah, to meet some mischiev-ous Catskill Mountain dwarfs, as Rip did, drink their sleep-inducing draft and awaken 20 years hence.

I am even more drawn to the notion of snoozing through the turn of the millennium after reading Alex Heard's "Apocalypse Pretry Soon," a book populated by the kind of people for whom the phrase due. Heard resolved that he

magazine who has been an reditor and reporter for The New Republic. The New York
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als from different planets will fane, does not contain many establish a New Age univer- revelations of its own. His big sity. Far darker in their pre- discovery is that most mildictions are Earth Changers, who warn that Mother Earth has had enough of humankind's abuse and will soon un- faith that the coming world seeing along the way. leash a vengeful rash of famine, disease, floods and continent-altering earthquakes.

Heard sums up the Earth Heard also spent time with

and the cryonics techies who plan to keep their bodies (or at least their heads) on ice until scientific advances grant them when he and his wife attend a eternal life. We also meet a jolly bunch of libertarians who want to greet the mil-lennium in their own South Pacific micronation called the

eople for whom would try not to practice the adroitly calls "journalism with intent to kill" and that he with titles like, "Why Die?"

will be better than the old.

dreamers of immortality, cultural anthropologist fur-There are the life-extension- ther undermines his intellec-

weeklong session at a private institute in Virginia devoted to the study of the paranormal, the quest turns personal: "I've always vaguely wanted to bether in that direction."

Similarly, when he describes going to services at a Pentecostal church in Harlem Pretty Soon' would have what he thinks or how he rep-resents himself. Throughout Heard's witty voice would his book, he either needed to not have exhausted itself take the metorical (and perhaps even emotional) risk of ing a book that purports to be There are the Uranians, who with an almost poignant faith in the power of education, extart Your Own Country." sional boundaries and Maureen Corrigan, book
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likable quality as a narrator his sense of humor. Despite his avowal to try to walk a mile lennialists, despite their in the millennialists' shoes, he gloom-and-doom predictions, cannot help cracking wise at gloom-and-doom predictions, cannot help cracking wise at the absurdity of the sights he is

Frequently, though, his hu-Otherwise, "Apocalypse mor manifests itself in glib, Pretty Soon" simply confirms breezy language that besomething most of its readers tokens his hipper-than-thou Changers' theology with the catedy know: America is a self-image. Though he procatchy motto, "My planet big country and there are a lot wants me dead." sleepings out there. Self-image. Though he professes admiration for Arthur Blessitt, an evangelist whose Heard's wobbly stance as a goal is to carry an 80-pound wooden cross to every nation in the world before 2000, he In interviewing amiable subjects like the Uranians or the timber." Heard also has a cheekily characterizes Bleshard-core members of the wearisome habit of con-Christian Identity movement, stantly invoking pop-culture Christian Identity movement, stantly invoking pop-culture he keeps his distance. But icons and, thus, implicitly

trivializing his subjects.
Various millennialists and utopians are compared to the likes of Aunt Clara from "Bewitched" and Dr. Zaius from "Planet of the Apes." Heard Freedominium of Merica.

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worked better as a series of more than just entertainment.

POLITICAL NOTES

Giuliani Clarifies Web Motive

NEW YORK — Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, the un-declared Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, says a Web site set up hy his supporters was not intended as an attack on Hillary Rodham Clintoo but rather as an effort to capitalize on the fund-raising opportunity presented by

her potential Senate candidacy.

Mr. Ginliani said he would be politically remiss not to take advantage of all the attention raised by Mrs. Clin-

"The reality," he said, "is that we want to take advantage of those people who think that she shouldn't run for the Senate, of which there are many and who feel very fervently about it. I would be foolish if I didn't take advantage of that. It's an opportunity that she's presented
(NYT)

For Christopher, a Last Laugh

WASHINGTON - Former Secretary of State Warren

WASHINGTON — Former Secretary of State Warren Christopher, still dapper and still a master at deadpan humor, was a stand-up comic at the unveiling of his official portrait at the State Department.

"Having your portrait painted is a strange experience," he said to a crowd including President Bill Clinton and Mr. Christopher's replacement, Madeleine Albright, who presided over the unveiling of the portrait by Everett Raymond Kinsler.

At the same time, to anyone who has served in Washington, there is something oddly familiar about it. First you're painted into a corner, theo you're hung out to dry, and finally yon're framed," he deadpanned to laughter in the State Department's ornate Benjamin

In Alabama, Deadlock Is Over

ATLANTA - After more than a month of fierce factional deadlock and ridicule, the Alabams state Senate found its way out of the procedural chaos that had prevented any legislation from being passed and threatened to paralyze state government.

Faced with a deadline that was jeopardizing Governor

Donald Siegelman's first-year legislative agenda, the governor's Democratic allies agreed to return some of the power that they had stripped from Lieutenant Governor Steve Windom, a Republican. In exchange, Mr. Windom agreed to share control over the Senate with Democratic

Away From Politics

Texas has executed a man who spent 25 years on death row, the longest of any current inmate. Robert Excell White, 61, was executed by lethal injection in Huntsville for the murders of four people in 1974.

• The Immigration and Naturalization Service is deploying 200 agents to help law enforcement agencies in 11 states. It announced the formation of 45 quick response teams that will be sent to Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Utah. (AP)

• Anne Arundel County in Maryland has scrapped its adopt-a-road program rather than let the Kn Klux Klan participate and have its signs posted along a mile of

• Ford Motor Co. said it would be the first major carmaker to install an emergency trunk release as a standard feature. All Ford, Lincoln and Mercury cars sold in the United States and Canada will have the feature.

McDougal Court Allows **Testimony Against Starr**

LITTLE ROCK. Arkansas — The judge in the Susan McDougal contempt trial has decided that the jury can hear allegations of harassment against the office of Kenneth Starr made by a Virginia woman under indictment in the Monica Lewinsky investigation.

The ruling Tuesday was a key victory for Mrs. McDougal in trying to turn the tables on Mr. Starr, and effectively put him on trial for aggressive tactics used in prosecuous her and other supporters of President Bill Clinton. Mrs. McDougal has sought to show that Julie Hiati Steele, a minor figure in the Clininn-Lewinsky saga, suffered the sort of intimidation and abuse that Mrs. McDougal claims was wrought upon her. But prosecutors said Ms. Steele's testimony was irrelevant.

and they were clearly taken aback by the decision of U.S. District Court Judge George Howard Jr. to allow the jury to hear it, probably on Friday. "We're treading on dangerous, dangerous ground here," Julie Myers, the associate independent counsel, told the judge.

Ms. Steele goes on trial May 3. At the request of Mr. Starr's prosecutors, a grand jury in Virginia indicted her in January on

four felony counts of obstructing justice and making a false statement in connection with her swom testimony regarding Mr. Clinton's alleged groping of her one-time friend, Kath-

Ms. Steele originally supported Mrs. Willey's version of events, saying Mrs. Willey confided in her immediately after the alleged encounter in the White House with Mr. Clinton in 1993. She later retracted that statement in swom testimony. saying she had been lying. But prosecutors believe the retraction was a lie, made at the urging of Mr. Clinton's supporters.

Ms. Steele testified for 10 minutes Tuesday afternoon,

outside the presence of the jury, telling Judge Howard what she would say if allowed to testify at Mrs. McDougal's trial. She portrayed herself as a victim of unfair tactics employed by Mr. Starr's Washington prosecutors and FBl agents, saying she was misled into thinking she might be a witness — not a target - of their investigation.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Alan Truscott

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Step Up the Bombing

Uncleanse Kosovo

Russia's effort to negotiate an eod to the war in Kosovo seems to have fizzled. After talks with the Russian prime minister, Yevgeni Primakov, Serbian stroogman Slobodan Milosevic has offered nothing more than a partial withdrawal of his forces from Kosovo and a promise to conduct further talks - and that much only if NATO first ceases its bombing. Given the atrocities that his troops are now conducting against civilians throughout Kosovo, allowing any Serbian forces to remain would be akin to

leaving the guards in charge of the eoncentration camps. President Bill Clinton and his NATO allies were right to reject the overture immediately. The barbarity of the Milosevic on-slaught is appalling. Whole towns are in flames. Tens of thousands of men. women and children are being forced at gunpoint to flee their homes and trudge through snow to Kosovo's bor-

ders. There are reports of summary executions, of mass killings, of rapes. This is a tactic that the world has seen before from Mr. Milosevic. He is

"cleansing" Kosovo of its ethnic Al-

Retort to Milosevic

The failure of Russian peacemaking and the unabated Serbian assault on Kosovo on Tuesday left the United States and its NATO allies understandahly frustrated. After a week of bombing raids, the alliance's air offensive against Serbia has not produced the quick capitulation by Slobodan Milosevic that President Bill Clinton and European leaders boped to see. As additional warplanes were ordered into combat this week, and tactics were adjusted to target Serhian army forces on the ground in Kosovo, it is reasonable to wooder if NATO commanders prepared a sufficiently intense and

extensive aerial campaigo.
News reports from NATO headquarters in Brussels suggest that military planners there and at the Pentagoo presumed that several nights of limited missile attacks and bombing runs against Serbian targets would convince Mr. Milosevic to accept a peace plan for Kosovo, His history of retreating wheo under fire might have added to that expectation. But as Mr. Clinton and other NATO leaders direct the fight against Serbia, they must oow insist that more airpower be brought into play, eveo if some NATO mem-

bers are uneasy about this.

Although the first objective of air strikes had to be the destruction of Sethia's air defenses, military planners should have prepared to accomplish that joh more quickly so that aircraft and helicopters could move against Serhian tanks, artillery and ground

banians - which is to say, of 90 percent of its population. He may then seek to repopulate Kosovo with ethnic Serbs and dare NATO to undo his

criminal handiwork. NATO cannot allow this ethnic cleansing to stand. As Robin Cook, the British foreign secretary, said on Tuesday, "any settlement oow must in-volve the ability of those refugees to return in security, free from fear, with an international guarantee, to their homes." That means, in practice, a full withdrawal of Serbian forces and deployment of a NATO protection force on the ground.

To accomplish this goal, NATO governments should give their com-mander, General Wesley Clark, the freedom to bomb whatever targets he deems militarily important, from tanks in Kosovo to headquarters buildings in Belgrade, where the ethnic cleansing has been planned NATO governments also must be prepared to continue the campaign for as long as oecessary, warning their publics that some allied planes are almost certain to be shot down. Mr. Milosevic leaves the civilized world no other choice.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

forces in Kosovo. The ferocity of the Serbian sweep across Kosovo seems to have surprised NATO, which only this week made its first efforts to attack these Serbian ground forces in the field. NATO commanders have now wisely decided to conduct round-

the-clock air operations.

For now, Mr. Milosevic is clearly not interested in a diplomatic solution to the Kosovo crisis. If he were, he would have made much better use of Tuesday's visit to Belgrade by Russia's prime minister, Yevgeru Primakov. Diplomaoc efforts must continue, and Russia's historical ties to Serhia can make it an important interlocutor. But oo progress will be pos-sible until Mr. Milosevic takes a more serious approach to pea

His diplomatic offer in Tuesday was unacceptable. He said he would withdraw some forces from Kosovo, allow the resettlement of some refugees and resume oegotiations over the pro-vince's future if NATO halts its air strikes. Western leaders were right to reject the proposal. Instead of partial withdrawals, Mr. Milosevic should be talking about immediately withdrawing all Yugoslav troops and police from Kosovo. Instead of starting negotiations after the should be talking about were to appropriate the starting about the star about ways to carry out the interna-tionally sponsored plan for Kosovo's autonomy under the protection of a large multinational force.

Until he does so, NATO must muster all the airpower it can and use it against Mr. Milosevic's murderous troops.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Letting East Timor Go

Decolonization, a demanding political passage in the best of circumstances, is especially tricky when the decolooizing power is itself a former colony. This is the situation in East Timor, the once Portuguese colony whose bloody annexation by the former Dutch colooy of Indonesia in 1975 was never recognized by the United Nations. Only now does Indonesia, under the new leadership of President B.J. Hahibie, seem ready to let go.
At first, the Hahibie regime hes-

itated both to include independence among the options being offered to the East Timorese and to allow the Timorese to make their choice in unestrictive terms. But the Indooesians have shifted. The way things look now, the people on the island and their overseas compatriots will get to vote for ot against permaneot autonomy, with the understanding that the alternative to autonomy is movement toward independence. The United Nations is helping the parties to bring Timorese voices into the planning and to sharpen the ballot language. It is examining the essential and ticklish question of providing an armed UN presence to over-

see the voting.
Some 200,000 Timorese deaths, from guerrilla warfare and from famine, are commonly attributed to Indooesia's nearly three decades of colonial rule. That is about one out of five in the population, a horrendous toll. It explains why most Timorese appear eager to see the Indonesian army go

bome and why some fear instability and reveoge-seeking. Some amhivalence is evident among the Timorese. It translates into a measure of favor for a phased autocomy.

But there appears scant doubt that most Timorese want to detach their fate promptly and permanently from their erstwhile colonial masters. It is late in the century for colonization to be running its course. East Timor has

earned what its people ask for it. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Americans and Morality

"I do not believe that a majority of Americans actually share our values," concluded Paul Weyrich, the veteran Christian conservative, after the Senate acquitted President Bill Clinton. His lament raised a significant ques-

tion about U.S. political history. Can moral crusaders succeed if they are convinced that most of their fellow citizens oppose what they want to accomplish? Mr. Clinton benefited from the pub-

lic's ambivalence about turning personal sins into political crimes. Moralists have to re-examine their assumptions about the need for Americans to adhere to an ethical code that condemns the way millions of sane, productive people have chosen to lead their lives. - Michael Kazin, in the Los

Angeles Times.

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North Korean Provocation Keeps Getting Worse

WASHINGTON — Add two big question marks to the mysteries that envelope North Korea's schizophrenic rulers, who rage as bullies one moment and beg for food the next: What did the Pyongyang regime do to help Pakistan develop and explode its first nuclear bomb last year? And why?

Intelligence experts in Europe and in Washington have mulled these questions for months and failed to come up with clear answers. "We can say that North Korean technology was helpful to Pakistan in this area, "a European expert carefully told me. "But what North Korea did exactly and what it got in

return remains in the realm of gossip."

The detection of a Pyongyang-Islamabad nuclear link is a significant development. It underlines the possibility of informal networks of pariah states cooperating to evade international controls and sanctions. And it raises questions about a big power with close links to both states, China.

There is no firm evidence that China encouraged North Korean help to Pakistan's nuclear test after India's surprise resumption of testing last May. But neither is there evidence of Chinese efforts to restrain the leakage of By Jim Hoagland

internationally outlawed technology to its strategic client, Pakistan.

North Korea's ability to export mis-sile and ouclear technology as it suffers a devastating famine also illustrates the danger of counting on history to resolve your problems, as the Clinton administration habitually does.

Washington now confronts the dilemma of having to follow through on a nuclear agreement struck with Pyongyang in 1994, when it was assumed that the beleaguered regime would not survive long enough to benefit from the accord's most ambitious features.

The agreement committed United States to provide fuel oil and to organize with Japan and South Korea the construction of a \$2 billion lightwater nuclear reactor complex for the North Koreans, who promised to freeze development of their nuclear weapons program. The accord created an ex-pectation that the United States would provide massive amounts of food aid

m Pyongyang, as it has done. Kim Il Sung's death shortly before the agreement was concluded seemed to vindicate private hopes of U.S. poli-cymakers that the United States would oever have to deliver on the expensive and controversial reactor scheme. The dictator's son and successor, Kim Jong II, would be too flaky to hold the iso-

lated police state together for long.
In any case, the deal would give Washington all the leverage: The desperate new regime would have to moderate its behavior and cooperate politically with the outside world to collect, it was explained.

Both assumptions turn out to have been bad bets.

The flaky son has survived. A new overnment in Seonl has proclaimed its termination to live in peace with its hostile northern neighbor, come what may. And North Korean behavior and rbetoric have remained belligerent, as Pyongyang squeezes new concessions from Washington in return for promises to live up to previous promises.

When word leaked last summer that U.S. intelligence had discovered a secret vast underground complex at Kumchangri suited for developing atomic bombs, the North Koreans responded with their usual weapons of anger and need. They demanded \$300

million in cash for one inspection of the site. (They eventually got \$500 million in U.S. food aid, which was carefully not linked in a formal way to the two

in lugarity of the first of the

inspections now scheduled.)
On Aug. 31, North Korea fired a three-stage Taepo Dong-1 missile over Japan. On March 23, while negotiating new food aid agreements with Tokyo and Washington, Pyongyang sent spy vessels into Japanese waters and pro-voked the Japanese military to fire its

first shots in anger since World War II.
North Korea's belligerency has eroded congressional support for the nuclear reactor deal and for the Clinton administration's overall policy on North Korea. Fearing a drift into serious confrontation if Washington is forced to abandon the 1994 accord, President Bill Clinton has asked former Secretary of Defense William Perry to review U.S. policy options and report on them in the near future.

Mr. Perry's credibility with Con-

gress will help as he tries to play a variation on the administration's underlying commitment to swallow hard and put up with state banditry rather than go to war with a crazy regime.

While Caring for Refugees, Go After Their Persecutors

By Fred Abrahams

NEW YORK — The scenes of desperate refugees pouring out of Kosovo, thousands by the hour, should come as no surprise. These people are not fleeing NATO's bombs. They are fleeing the troops of the Yugoslav president, Slo-bodan Milosevic, and his cam-paign to murder or forcibly expel the ethnic Albanians from their bomeland.

Given Mr. Milosevic's history as a serial "ethnic cleanser," it is remarkable that the Clinton administration appears out to have anticipated the tragedy. The United States evidently made oo plans to stop the war crimes now taking place in Kosovo, and it seems to have done nothing to prepare for the humanitarian catastrophe of the refugees. Little aid or assistance was provided to the oeighboring countries to help them deal with the influx.

Relief agencies are scram-bling to get operations in mo-is absolutely critical that refu-

tion. The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees has been under 24-hour alert for the last two weeks in case of a crisis in the Balkans, but officials there expected only 100,000 refugees. Now their planning figures have jumped to 350,000.

The Clinton administration and its allies oeed a sbort-term and a long-term strategy for dealing with the refugee crisis. In the short term, an all-out emergency assistance program must be created to provide food, shelter and medicine to the exhausted refugees. At a meeting of major donors on Tuesday, the UNHCR said it had less than a third of the \$168 million it needs to provide short-term re-lief. The United States pledged \$8.5 million over the weekend. paltry sum given the need.

Besides the obvious oeeds of

gees be registered on arrival in Albania and Macedonia and provided with documentary proof that they came from Yugoslavia. The Serbian police have been destroying the identification papers, passports and even car license plates of the ethnic Albanians oo the move, obviously to deny them re-entry

once the war is over. Logistically, the United Na-tions and other aid groups may not be able to issue a document to every refugee, but all efforts must be made to thwart this despicable tactic in the ethnic

cleansing campaign.
Investigators for the Inter-national Criminal Tribunal for the former Yogoslavia should strive to document acts of genocide and war crimes for future prosecutions. They should be present among the refugees, taking down testimonies before

In the long term, of course, the refugees need to go bome. People will go back to Kosovo when they feel that their rights, as well as their lives, will be protected. And the ethnic Albanians are never going to feel secure in the presence of Serbian security forces. It will take a major international presence to accomplish that.

The "stabilization" troops in Bosnia, although they have managed to establish an uneasy peace, have not been able to persuade many refugees to return to their native villages. The armosphere of mntual suspicion may take years to dispel, and there is no easy way to resolve that problem.

Prosecuting and punishing the people who committed the greatest atrocities in Bosnia, and now in Kosovo, must be part of the solution.

America's long-term strategy in the Balkans must include being more vigorous in indict-

ing and arresting war criminals. If the troops in Bosnia had arrested Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, the top leaders of the Serbian offensive, after they were indicted by the war crimes tribunal, maybe then friend ur Belgrade would have got the message, too. Mr. Milosevic has to be made to understand once and for all that punishment will follow this crime.

America must not replicate the 1994 disaster in Rwanda, when all the West did was pour money into refugee camps long after the slaughter had abated. Caring for refugees is not a. substitute for stopping the abuses that prompted their flight in the first place. And vowing to support justice in the future is not a substitute for a real strategy. to stop these crimes now.

The writer is the Kosovo researcher at Human Rights Watch. He contributed this com-

NATO's Vigilante Warfare Gives a Bad Example to the World

C'TOCKHOLM — The UN Charter is every country's superior law. It prescribes that no state or group of states shall use force against another, save in self-defense, except under the authority of the United Nations.

NATO air strikes against Yugoslavia have not been authorized by the United used massive force against Yugoslavia, would be immeasurably enhanced if sought. They are therefore acts of aggression against a sovereign nation. They strike at the heart of the rule of international law and the authority of the United Nations.

Because they are acts undertaken by the world's most militarily powerful countries, the damage is incalculable. A trend toward unilateral action in defiance of international norms became

more pronounced once we entered a unipolar world after the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Uoion. It is a trend that persists, and with

Recently, the United States imposed trade sanctions against European countries cootrary to the rules of the World

ry to the UN Charter

Who is there to stop them and turn them back to the path of law, as President Dwight Eisenhower did to Britain and France at the time of the Snez crisis in 1956? And after this, who will be there to turn back other action in breach of the UN Charter? What if, in virtuous rage, China invades Taiwan, or the United States bombs Cuba, or Spain annexes Gibraltar?

Will there be another set of norms that condemn these wrongs? On what basis do we press the claims of disarmament in a world palpahly no longer under the rule of law founded oo the UN Charter?

By Ingvar Carlson and Shridath Ramphal

curity Council, Russia and China have responsibilities that they must discharge in constructive ways. Now Europe and North America have But the prospect of their doing so

> opportunity, rather than with unilateral action in violatioo of the charter that offers them no route bot coodemnation. NATO countries assert respect for the UN Charter and the norms of international law. Europe claims moral authority as a custodian of internationalism. Now

the gamekeepers have turned poachers, posing as policemen. This temptation to assume police powers on the basis of righteousness and military strength is dangerous for world order and world peace. What results is a

We would not have that in our na-

world run by vigilante action.

tional societies. Why should anyone Of course; in the United Nations Serrity Council, Russia and China have

Thinks it is less dangerous and more acceptable in our global society?

NATO countries are understandably

frustrated in their efforts for peace, and rightly indignant at the humanitarian wrongs committed by the Serbian regime. Others are indignant as well.

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mitted elsewhere in our global society and by many wroogdoers — as is the case in each of our national societies. But if in our responses we become violators, too, in the end we return to a dark time when might alooe is right and law comes out of the barrel of a gun. That cannot be our signature as we turn the page into a new millennium.

Mr. Carlson is a former prime minister of Sweden and Mr. Ramphal a former secretary-general of the Commonwealth. They contributed this to the International Herald Tribune.

The Solution: A Pan-European Peace Conference for the Balkans

WASHINGTON — The president has put America in a virtually impossible position. It cannot escalate with-

out grave risks. If the president and NATO truly want to halt ethnic cleansing, the alliance will have to put in a large ground force, or at least mount a credible threat to do so. A conventional ground war in the mountains of Albania and Kosovo will quickly de-

generate into a quagmire.
On the other hand, the United States and NATO cannot retreat without humiliation that could have dangerous consequences not only in the Balkans but in Europe and even in Asia.

The only real alternative is m revive internacional diplomacy. The Clinton administration's so-called peace plan is dead. It would be insanity to turn Kosovo back over to lethal Serbian rule, no matter what the degree of "autonomy." It is also implausible to introduce a NATO peacekeeping contingent on Serbia's borders after

bombing that country. The way out is for Washingtoo to recognize that the problem is preeminently a political one; military pressure will help but cannot be the solution. Second should be the recognition that the crisis is no longer a Balkan affair hut a pan-European problem that cannot be solved by NATO alone.

Yugoslavia has become the sick man of Europe. It cannot be put back together, but the European powers could reconstitute a security system that might satisfy contending nationalist forces. President Bill Clinton should take a page from history and do what European leaders did in the last century: coovene

By William G. Hyland

a European summit conference, as the Great Powers did in 1878

at the Congress of Berlin. Then as now, the purpose would be to redraw the map of the Balkans and avoid an all-out war. Not just the United States but all of Europe, including Russia and Ukraine, should devise a peace plan for the Balkans.

Kosovo is the most urgent issne and obviously will have to be a central element. There is no geographical or historical reason to treat Kosovo as sacrosanct; it will have to be partitioned. One part, probably the largest, should become independent. But for some defined period it should not be permitted to join Albania.

The other part of Kosovo, along the Serbian border, should remain under Yugoslav sovereignty, but as a demili-

Kosovo Endgame

AN endgame in the Balkans is in sight. It entails the effective independence of Kosovo. Formal separation from Yngoslavia is the only way to ensure the physical security and basic political rights of the Albanians living there. And the endgame entails the strict containment of a rump Serbia, keeping Slobodan Milosevic at bay until he fails from power.

Before the West again retreats into complacency, and Mr. Milosevic again makes a fool of NATO, Bill Clinton needs to finish the job by pre-paring Americans and NATO for a ground war in Kosovo. Charles A. Kupchan, in

the Los Angeles Times.

tarized security zone. The capital, Pristina, might become a free city under UN auspices for, say, a few years. Some military forces would have to be inserted into independent Kosovo to man the partition line, to protect the Serbian minorities that still will reside there and to guard

sacred Serbian historical sites. Guarantees would have to be negotiated to protect all parties, especially Macedonia and Montenegro. All the Balkan countries would have to join that guarantee, in particular the Greeks, Turks and Bulgars.

Montenegro ought to be given a chance to decide its own future, perhaps by plebiscite. Its independence would mark the final reduction of Yugoslavia to Serbia. And this brings up the question of the Serbs in Bosnia.

The Dayton agreement is not working politically. As compensation for giving up most of Kosovo, Serbia should be permitted to co-opt the so-called Repohlika Srpska in a loose confederation, as provided for in the Dayton principles. Similarly, the Croatian parts of Bosnia ought to have a chance to rejoin Croatia if that is the will of the population. This, too, is a principle of Dayton.

All of Europe, including Russia, would have to guarantee any settlement. The guarantees should be a deterrence against other ethnic minorities starting a guerrilla war, for example, in Romania or Hungary, Sanctions would have to be

lifted. Probably an area-wide annesty for war crimes would have to be declared, unpalarable as that might be. Major economic assistance should be the law, declaring it was born of

offered. U.S. forces could be a solotion on the so-called Eastnot by UN forces. The peacekeepers should be drawn from all European countries, serving under a political command subordinate to a council of the Organization for Security and Co-

Obviously, such a conference should be preceded by a cease-fire, including a bombing pause. But that is a dangerous move; a bombing pause ought to be part of the bargaining, not

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> eral decades of peace. The writer, a former editor of Foreign Affairs who served in the Nixon and Ford adminis-

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1899: Shipwreck

LONDON - The rockbound Channel Islands have once again been the scene of a calamitous shipwreck, involving terrible loss of life. On Thursday afternoon the steamer Stella ran in a dense fog on to the Casket Rocks and sank within twelve minutes. The captain and some fifty souls went down with the vessel and the roll-call for the dead does not end there. About 80 lives were lost.

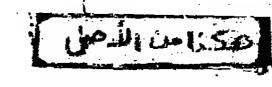
1924: School Law

SALEM, Ore. -- Oregon's anti-religious school law, which was voted last year and which attracted nation-wide attention because of efforts to close all private religious schools in the State, has been declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court. Catholics, Jews and Lutherans joined in attacking

religious bigotry and deprived citizens of their natural rights to educate their children as they saw fit. The National Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus led the court attack on the law. The Ku Klux Klan and the Masonic lodges of Oregon joined their forces. The result was one of the bitterest political fights the state has ever

1949: Tito Assailed -

TRIESTE - The Moscow radio last night [March 30] made a bitter attack against Yugoslavia and charged that Marshal Tito was trying to set himself up as leader of the Balkans. In its Serb-Croat commeotary, the radio denounced Marshal Tito's economic planning as saying that workers in Belgrade were "treated like slaves" and that the bourgeoisie and kulaks were profiting at the expense of the working class.





OPINION/LETTERS

A Lesson for Yugoslavia In Bangladesh's History

By Philip Bowring

PAKA — The Indian Sub-fought against a Pakistani military continent offers some important lessons for Yugoslavia, It is a pity that India, with almost characteristic hypocrisy, has been so quick to criticize the NATO action as interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign state.

The Delhi statement sounded odd here last week when Bangladesh was celebrating the angladesh was celebrating the anniversary of its independence. The final success of Bangladesh's war of liberation from Pakistan, achieved in December 1971, was due to India's massive and direct military intervention in support of the secessionist movement.

The creation of Bangladesh now the world's eighth most popplous nation — was by far the largest incidence since 1945 of one state participating with mil-tary force in the dismemberment of another. It created a precedent

that is worth examining.

India's motives in 1971 were certainly not entirely idealistic. It had every interest in the dismemberment or us mann parties of pakistan, and the creation on In-

was weak and in India's debt. But mixed motives did not detract from the legitimacy of Indian intervention in support of a lib-

eration movement that had overwhelming popular support. The liberation struggle was not noted for adherence to human rights — though better behaved than the forces of President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia in Kosovo.

In 1971, there were numerous warnings — including from Prime Minister Chon En-lai of China that the establishment of Bangla-desh would set an appailing pre-cedent for the unity of India itself as well as for the territorial integrity of many newly independent states in Africa and Asia.

But in international opinion, the justice of the Bangladeshi cause was a stronger force and contributed to Pakistan's eventual admission of defeat.

Bangladesh was the first, and is still by far the most important, post-1945 case of recognizing that not all the borders and sovereign states created at the end of empires were immutable. Further adjustments to the states created by European empires in Asia and Africa, as well as by the successors to the Ottoman and Habsburg em-

pures in Europe, were likely. Yugoslavia was a well-inten-tioned construct intended to bring an identity to a part of the post-Ottoman/Habsburg world just as a two-winged Pakistan was an attempt to resolve some of the contradictions arising from the end of British India. Neither worked.



The necessary readjustments may be painful but they do become the least bad options. Indonesia has

learned that lesson in East Timor. The other lesson of Bangladesh that may be relevant in Kosovo is the staying power of well-defined communities. Bangladesh has established itself as a viable state with a strong identity and no likelihood of breaking up or being

beginnings it has made much more progress than Pakistan in areas from agriculture to education, women's rights and family planning: Much of this must be attributable to having the most homogeneous population in South Asia — indeed in all of Asia outside Japan and South Korea.

At the same time, the relative success of Bangladesh has had no invaded. Poor it remains, and not visible negative impact on India, well-governed. But from wretched which faces no secessionist problems other than the endless sore of Kashmir, an issue which long predates 1971. India shows how heterogeneous societies can work given political commitment to re-ligious and linguistic pluralism long lacking in Yugoslavia. As Mr. Milosevic has no in-

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terest in Indian-style pluralism, the principles that India applied in Bangladesh in 1971 should be applied by NATO in Kosovo,

ional Herald Tribune

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mixed Views on Kosovo

Our city has been bombarded again. They tell us that this war is not against us, so we thought they would let us seed our fields. it seems they will be planted with bombs. In the media, there has been a lot of talk about refugees lately. Not so long ago, our

country was flooded with refugees -600,000 Serbs from Croatia. Nobody has written about them: They say that our army chases the Albanians from Kosovo, giving them 24 hours to leave their homes. Serbs in Croatia

did not have any time. They were chased from their homes without warning. We are not saying that people are not fleeing Kosovo. But there is a war there and bombs are falling every day. How did it not occur to anyone that they may be running away from NATO bombs and not from the

Yugoslav army?
Stop the bombardment and let all be-

lievers celebrate Easter in peace. There will certainly be fewer refugees from Kosovo when there is no bombardment.

We are outraged with the way our people are presented in the media. You have never shown a living creature from Serbia who was not in uniform or accused of some crime against humanity.

Do you really believe that we are that evil? Do you really believe that while your children are preparing for the Easter festivities ours have to be in shelters just because they are guilty of being Serbs?

Please urge your governments to leave us to pray to God in the peace, maybe for

RAKIC ZLATA. Novi Sad, Yugoslavia.

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By ordering horrific war crimes against the people of Kosovo, Slobodan Milosevic has surely by now discarded any claim to the right to govern Kosovo.

Kosovo must be encouraged to declare its independence from Serbia with a promise of massive NATO military assistance in

quickly enough, perhaps some of the Ser-bian war criminals can be trapped inside Kosovo, before they have a chance to slink back into Serbia. WILLIAM J. LARSON.

Nyon, Switzerland.

global security. The United States has intervened to support one side in a very complex civil war where neither side is innocent - something that Abraham Lincoln would be ashamed of.

eration Army, we are setting a precedent that terrorism will be rewarded if it is in the

By bombing civilian targets, like hos-pitals, schools, monasteries and residences,

A U.S. spokesman, in a televised in-terview, said that the United States had no intention of sending ground troops into a "bostile environment" to stop the genocide in Kosovo, Had General George Marshall followed such absurd advice in June 1944, we would have been spared the deaths of thousands of American soldiers AARON STERNFIELD.

If Prozac Doesn't Work, Why Not Try a Placebo?

By John Horgan

GARRISON, New York — Over the past decade, psy-chiatrists and the news media have proclaimed the wonders of Prozac and the rest of a new generation of anti-depressant drugs, known collectively as selective serotonin renptake inhibitors, or SSRIs.

Now a report from the United States Department of Health and Human Services has confirmed what has long been an open secret

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among mental-illness researchers: The SSRIs are no more effective at treating depression than older classes of drugs such as tricyclics. Buried within this report is a

larger and more disturbing story.
During the past century, while scientists have acquired ever more detailed information about the brain with ever more powerful technologies, there have been virtually no genuine advances in treatments for depression and other common mental disorders.

From psychoanalysis to Prozac, all the therapies offered so far are roughly equivalent in their effectiveness or lack thereof. Roughly two-thirds of patients receiving any form of treatment for depression show some improvement. On the other hand, as many as half of those who do not receive treatment improve anyhow.

The most common therapy in the first half of this century was the talking cure, popularized by Freud. There are now hundreds of talking cures, from Jungian dreamwork to cognitive behavioral therapy. Although each is touted as an improvement over its predecessors, tests have found that all psychotherapies are basically equal.

The advent of drugs such as tricyclics in the 1950s was initially seen as an enormous advance beyond psychotherapy in treating depression. In fact, vari-ous studies say that anti-depress-ants and psychotherapy produce more or less the same outcomes.

The new report, summarizing many studies, concludes that about 50 percent of severely depressed patients taking the drugs improve, compared with 32 percent of those taking a placebo. Even this apparent advantage may be illusory. according to researchers such as Roger Greenberg, a psychologist at the State University of New York

Clinical trials are supposedly double blind: Neither the test subjects nor the researchers are told who is receiving the drug and who is receiving a placebo.

But because all psychiatrio drugs have side effects - such as dry mouth, constipation and sexual dysfunction --- both patients and researchers invariably see through the double blind, according to Mr. Greeoberg. Wheo parients realize they are taking the real drug, the placebo effect is especially strong; particularly if they have read books and magazine articles lauding the medication.

At least one prominent psychiatrist, Walter Brown of Brown University, has proposed that placebo pills be the initial treat-

meet for patients with mild or moderate depression.

Physicians would tell patients, in effect, "These pills have no active ingredients, hut stodies show they help in many cases." ' Mr. Brown cites evidence that

patients will respond to placebo pills even after being told this. A more time-tested method for achieving relief was highlighted by a recent study at Duke University. Researchers examined 87 depressed, elderly patients, about

half of whom were receiving psychotherapy, anti-depressants or a combination of the two. The best predictor of improvement was not these expensive remedies hut the 'religiosity'' of the patient.
The psychiatrisi Jerome Frank

warned in his classic 1963 book. "Persuasion and Healing," that the placebo effect might be the primary factor underlying all psychiatric remedies. The latest research supports Mr.

Frank's finding: Psychiatrists: psychologists and other "scientifbealers are really exploiting the power of human belief, just as shamans and witch doctors do.

Mr. Horgan, author of "The End of Science," contributed this comment to The New York Times.

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High-Tech Sleuth on Trail of Melissa Virus's Creator

By John Markoff
New York Times Service

AMBRIDGE, Massachusetts - Fol-lowing the telltale digital fingerprints of the anthor of the rapidly spreading computer virus known as Melissa, a lone software detective has assembled a dossier suggesting that the virus writer has struck before and that the programmer's activities are already well known to computer-security specialists.

The investigator, Richard Smith, 45, is the president of Phar Lap Software, a small software development company in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Although Mr. Smith usually spends his time designing software tools and operating systems, during the weekend he used programmers' tools to peer inside

the document that carries Melissa, which has spread wildly through the Internet.

Mr. Smith found indications that the virus is a work of a programmer — or possibly a small group — who wrote and distributed a similar program two years ago. Moreover, by searching the World Wide Web, he has found clues to the idenoty of the programmer and evidence that could lead the

authorities to the computer on which the program was written.
On Monday, Mr. Smith turned that informadoo over to the FBL An FBI spokesman said, "We have a case that's open, and we're actively investigating the virus." Distributing a computer virus is a federal crime.

HOEVER the virus writer is, the work took its toll Monday. The Computer Emergency Response Team, a security service financed by the Pentagon at Carnegie Melon University, reported calls from 250 organizations indicating that the virus had affected at least 100,000 workplace computers.

We believe the number is probably higher than that," said Jeff Carpenter, a team leader for the group, but because of precaucions taken by companies during the weekend, "we do think the problem has oot been as bad today as we feared it

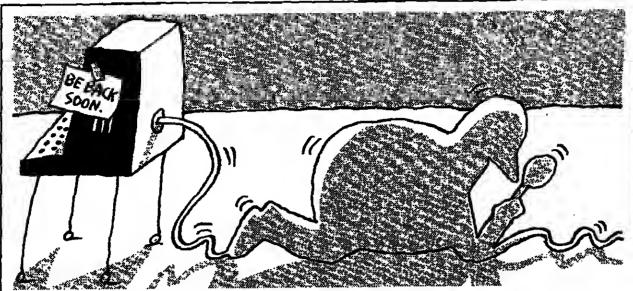
The virus, which began to cause havoc Friday, is like a chain letter spread in an e-mail attachment listing several pornographic sites. When recipients open the attachment, it tries to mail itself to 50 other e-mail addresses stored in the

user's computer, propagat-ing itself each time with the subject line "Important Message From' followed by the name of the previous victim.

Steve White, senior manager of anti-virus research at the IBM Watson Research Center in Hawthorne, New York, said Melissa "has spread more widely and rapidly than any PC virus in history" but said it was too soon to tell the extent of damage because computer security professionals' still are in "the tog of battle."

The high-tech sleuthing by Mr. Smith is remarkable in part because he was the one who earlier in March raised questions about the propriety of a little-known Microsoft feature that embeds unique hardware numbers in every Microsoft Office document file.

Microsoft designed the numbering scheme to help track software objects and



documents in a computer octwork. The company said it would change the feature after Mr. Smith revealed that the company was compiling the numbers of its users' computers in a

On Friday, however, Mr. Smith found a new use for the numbering scheme: It meant that the Melissa file carried a unique fingerprint corresponding to the personal computer on which it was created. And because the Microsoft Word program is designed to embed information in each documen about each user who has written or revised it, the file also had

what amounted to an author list. On Friday evening, Mr. Smith collected that information and posted it to an Internet news group that discusses software viruses. Later that evening he received a response from a Swedish computer science graduate student who said the virus writer's activides appeared to be similar to those of a known virus author who had identified himself as "VicodinES" in computer network postings.

'He told me the Melissa virus looked very similar,' Mr. Smith said. "He had noticed a similar software coding style." The graduate student also pointed Mr. Smith to a Weh site that

was maintained by VicodinES. "I started looking for files which cootained the same Ethernet address," the number that provides the digital fin-gerprint, Mr. Smith said. "Then we could assume the same computer and maybe the same person was the author of Melissa."

On Sunday he succeeded. In addition, he downloaded files from the Web site that had been revised under the names of multiple authors, indicating that the work could be a collaboration.

Another avenue of searching the Web yielded more about the identity of the virus creator. On Saturday Mr. Smith discovered that Solomon, an anti-virus software company, had pos-ted an alert that the virus had been mailed Friday to an on-line discussion or news group from an America Online account.

Exploring with a Web search engine known as Deja News, which indexes news groups, he discovered that the same account had posted a virus in December 1997. He found serial numbers that linked VicodinES to the America Online posting. VicodinES also is the name of a narcotic painkiller.

"It's pretty clear that VicodinES is somehow related to all this," Mr. Smith said. "Whether he's the anthor I don't know, hut he has his fingerprints everywhere." He said he also found what appear to be actual names buried in several documents. As inconvenient as Melissa is, Mr. Smith told The As-

sociated Press that the real danger was that the author was putting tool kits on-line that other people could download to create their own viruses. → REDERIK Bjorck, a doctoral student at Stockholm
→ University who was also contacted Monday by the FBL said that he and Mr. Smith had shared some information

hut had essentially reached the same conclusion independently: that Melissa could be traced to a virus writer using the "VicodinES is definitely a talent," Mr. Bjorck said. "He's

the brains behind this." He said his investigation had led him to believe that the

virus might have been written with help from others.

The Internet host of the VicodinES Web page is SourceofKaos, a loose organization of Web sites that its creator says is dedicated to freedom of speech. The creator, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said SourceofKaos was the free host of the Web sites of people with unpopular views, with most of the sites related to virus collection, detection and creation. The creator of SourceofKaos, based in Orlando, Florida,

said that he had never met VicodinES hut that they had corresponded last year on the Internet.

He said he recalled VicodinES as being of "high schoolish" age but added that

VicodinES had a reputation

as a talented virus writer. The VicodinES home page touts the accomplishments of the "noted virus researcher VicodinES," incloding the creation of two viruses intended for Mi-

crosoft products. One virus that VicodinES claims to have created infects Excel 97, and a secood is designed to infect Office 2000.

■ Another Virus Found

Compounding the effects of Melissa, a similar virus called Papa was discovered Monday, The Associated Press reported from New

Papa sends out even more infected e-mail messages bug that sometimes prevents it from working, said Srivats Sampath, of McAfee Associates Inc., a maker of widely used anti-virus soft-

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Customers Desert To Digital Market

Byte Flight' Will Alter Business

By John Ellis

OSTON — Shortly after World War II ended, something profound happened to America's cities. Their best customers started moving to the sub-

Their best customers started moving to the sub-urbs. This trend gathered momentum during the Ei-senhower era. By the end of the 1960s, it had transformed the demography of the United States. Soddenly, suburbs had the best-educated residents, cities the least-educated. Younger, richer, healthier people became suburbanites; older, poorer, more infirm people remained in town. Cities across the United States nearly collarsed as a result. Some, such as Detroit and nearly collapsed as a result. Some, such as Detroit and Washington, have never really recovered.

Something very much like this is happening in business today. Best customers are going digital. Although their numbers are not yet overwhelming—they are between a sixth and a quarter of the total population of the United

States — the impact of their departure is enormous.

Best customers cootrol a disproportionate share of U.S. financial assets and thus a disproportionate percentage of

its disposable income. They are younger, better educated, and more technologically savvy.

For countless husinesses, best customers represent the difference between success and failure. And they are leaving by the tens of thousands, every week, for greener

digital pastures.

Think about the impact of their departure and the wealth they have already created in the digital world. Ten years ago, Dell Computer Corp. did not exist.

Today, it is the leading personal computer company in the world. In two or three years, Delf will conduct 50 percent of its business on the World Wide Web. By the end of the next decade, Delf hopes to conduct all of its

business on the Web.

Seven years ago, Yahoo! Inc. did not exist. Now, as many as 45 million individuals pass through its site in a week. That is 44 million more people than read The New York Times on Sunday. Six years ago, Amazon com Inc. did oot exist. Today, it has a market capitalization roughly four times the combined market capitalization of Barnes & Noble Inc. and Borders Group Inc., the two largest bookstores in America.

Five years ago, Charles Schwab & Co. was considered "discount" brokerage house. Today, it is the leading digital brokerage service in the

Its competitors are scrambling to catch op. Last Thursday night, Merrill Lynch & Co. initiated its own on-line brokerage service. As Joseph Kahn reported in The New York Times, "Merrill's main task is not to lure low-end customers away from on-line brokerage firms, but to keep its own 8 million clients, and their \$1.4 million in assets,

Best customers are leaving the world of atoms and joining the world of bits. They are going there for groceries, entertainment and

hey are going there for financial services, credit cards, and loog-distance phone service. They are going there for health care, education, and every conceivable kind of information. In the oear future, they will not go anywhere that does not offer its services on the

Their behavior will change every husiness in their path, that will be transformed is real estate. What is the value of real estate? Traditionally, it has been all about location, location, location.

Best customers add a new and perhaps more important value to the location trio: speed of Internet access.

This is good news for towns that are served by cable modern Internet access that is 10 times faster than "normal" access. This is bad news for towns that do not offer cable modem access Best customer behavior will change the business of

Anderson Consulting recently said that the only part of

the health care business of the future that would look anything like the health care business of today is acute care. If you have to undergo open-heart surgery, you will still have to go to a major hospital. The Web will transform every other aspect of the health

care system. In the near future, basic readings can and will be taken over the Internet. Referrals will be done over the Internet. Medications

will be adjusted oo-line. Amazon.com will be your drug store. Instead of you going to it, it will come to you. Consider education.

There is no conceivable reason that every college student in the country cannot take David Donald's history course at Harvard University. His lectures can be digitized.

Reading materials can be made available over the Web. Papers can be assigned and exams can be taken on-line.
Instead of you going to Harvard, Harvard will come to

This will happen because best customers want it to Businesses that do not pay attention to this demand will

inevitably go ont of business.

Businesses that meet the demand will get rich. If you have any doubts about this, just ask the mayors

of Washington and Detroit.

They are still dealing with the consequences of ignoting best customers.

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With SET Printers, Xerox Shifts Copying Into High Gear

By Claudia H. Deutsch New York Times Service

FEW YORK - Shuffle the deck again who is battling whom in the printer- as hills and monthly statements. copier market just changed one more time. Barely two weeks ago, Eastman Kodak Co.

introduced the first digital copier fast enough to compete with Xerox Corp.'s most sophisticated products. Kodak then promptly sold its entire copier husiness to Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG, the hig German offset printing company that thus became the latest

entrant to the copier wars.

And Sunday night, Xerox announced that it was buying SET Electronique, a Freoch company that makes continuous-feed printers that can whip out 500 pages a minute.

More significant, SET's primers have a

"controller" technology that enables them unlike Xerox's printers - to accept data compathle with printers made by International Business Machines Corp. and Oce-Van

With SET, Xerox for the first time could take on those two otans in the market for nual market for printers that produce more printers that accept data from desktop com- than 80 pages a minute now tops \$2 hillion

puters and can print 300 to 1,000 husiness-size sheets a minute. Between them, IBM and Oce now control 90 percent of this market, which serves banks, utility companies and and deal out the logo cards. The list of other hig generators of transactional data such



"IBM and Oce competed with us in printers that use cut sheets, and now we can compete with them, and with offset printers, in continuous feed." said Pierre Danon, president of

Xerox Europe. Xerox's Delphax subsidiary already sells a continuous-feed printer that runs 900 to 1,300 sheets a minute. But it can only accept data

from mainframes, not desktops. "With this acquisition, Xerox can finally compete for the high-end hilling market, said Barhara Pellow, a director at CAP Ventures, a research firm in Norwell, Massachu-

Industry researchers estimate that the an-

and is growing rapidly. Xerox will not say tinuous-feed printers, Xerox says it also plans what it paid for SET. But the privately held to go after small-run hook publishing and company may hold strategic value far ex- other uses as well - applications that might ceeding its less than \$50 million a year in annual revenue.

'We'll be selling four times that amount in Industry experts say that is a pipe dream for less than two years," said Anshoo Gupta, president of Xerox's Productioo Systems and certainly not the SET versions, provide Group.

ET's power lies in its controller technology, which helps Xerox in two ways. First, it will enable the company to offer IBM and Oce customers a rival product that they can just plug in, without reprogramming

And perhaps more important, Xerox will oo longer have to watch helplessly as its own customers switch over to Oce or IBM for their continuous-feed machines. This move is as much about preventing

the loss of customers as it is about taking someone else's customers away," said Julianne Mehegan, a consultant at Lyra Research, a market analysis firm in Newton,

While banks and other issuers of transaccional data are the prime users of con-

ALWAYS IN TOUCH: A new pro-

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means users can run but they cannot

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window will open on the screen, sig-

naling that someone is trying to get in

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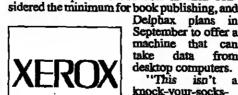
rather not be bothered. NECS is offering

that, it costs \$9.95 a year. The company

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September to offer a machine that can take data from desktop computers. knock-your-socks-

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Still, Xerox may be getting closer. Xerox's

Delphax unit is working on getting its print resolution up to the 600 dots an inch con-

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Delphax plans in

"This isn't a

line and gives it an important relationship with Hitachi, 'said Jay Ingalls, research director at Gartner Group, a research firm in Stamford, Connecticut.

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GETTING THE CHINESE ON-LINE: Lawrence Cheung wants to bring the Internet into Chinese living rooms. Bot first, he has to give the Chinese people a reason and a way to log on.

guage that most Chinese don't speak. And courage use and spur innovation. few homes in China have computers.

pany NECS, works by sending something like an electronic knock on the door to a designated computer's modern. surf using a TV, a joystick and a but-Even if the recipient is not oo-line, a

"A lot of people want to get on the Net, but they say, 'I can't use a computer; users grew fourfold last year, to 2.1 I can't read English.' I want to bridge that million. A further 1.5 million are exgap." said Mr. Cheung, 31, who left the Hong Kong branch of the J. Walter A TV-based system has Thompson advertising agency to start Shanghai WebTV with two partners.

Mr. Cheung's firm is one of many companies - small startups and estabthe service free for a 21-day trial. After lished giants such Microsoft Corp. alike - that are trying to eliminate technical, language and political barriers and grab other programs, such as Yahoo Pager a share of the Internet market in China.

That market is expected to boom in the coming years. Chinese leaders are cafes, where customers can buy time on a terminal, are common in major cities. State-owned China Telecom cut its ac- such garments uncomfortable at best.

Most Web sites are in English, a lan- cess rates in half recently to try to en-

There are obstacles to be overcome. Mr. Cheung's answer is Shanghai The Communist government remains WebTV, a company that is creating wary of the potential for the Internet to Chinese Web sites for Internet novices to spread dissent and wants to protect its infant information industry from foreign

> A TV-based system has obvious appeal in China. The 9,000 yuan (\$1,100)

> price of a basic PC is well above the national average income of 6,500 yuan a year. By contrast, Shanghai WebTV says its receivers could cost as little as 1,500 yuan.

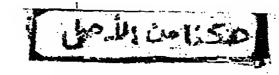
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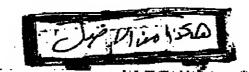
Now, researchers at the University of California at Davis have developed a process that could make protective clothing as comfortable as an old pair of blue jeans. In fact, with their process, protective clothing might even be an old pair of hlue jeans.

The research, reported at a meeting last week of the American Chemical Society, is intended to protect farm workers from the pesticides they en-counter in the field. Rather than trying to block the chemicals, the goal is to destroy them by incorporating into the surface of ordinary cotton-polyester fab-ric a compound that breaks down the harmful chemicals on contact. By wearing clothes made from the treated fabric, a farm worker would become a walking detoxification plant, neutralizing a pesticide before it reached the skin.

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At a Bombed-Out Factory in Serbia, Workers Deny Making Weapons

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

CACAK, Serbia — In the first guided tour conducted by the Yugoslav Army since it issued wartime press passes on Tuesday, journalists were shown significant bomb damage Wednesday in two central Serbian towns, roughly 100 kilometers south of Belgrade.

The large Sloboda, or Freedom, factory in 10 missiles each over two different nights, Sun-

factory produced only civilian products, such as vacuum cleaners, ovens and electrical heaters, would cost \$300 million to replace the factory, the largest in Cacak.

Mr. Ljujic accused NATO of a callous disregard for the livelihood of his 5,000 workers and their 15,000 dependents. "How will they live now?" he asked. "All the stories that we were producing military equipment are false."

Journalists had no way to judge these assertions. Around and inside the shattered huildand in the shatte ings were "Sloboda" brand vacuum cleaners in before striding away. various states of destruction from the missile damage, as well as spare parts, printed hrochures, Cacak was destroyed in two NATO raids of some smashed ovens, heaters, hair dryers and other rotors. "This whole assembly line was Western murdered by the Nazis. domestic appliances. There was little sign of fire

day and Tuesday, local and army officials said, with a total of IO civilians wounded.

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Tanya Petrovic, 16, said, "Even we girls will go there." Three of her male friends had already been called up to the army, she said, "One was in the barracks in Prokuplje and it was bombed, but he told his parents he's O.K., 'le said. With the schools and movie heaters closed,

life is very boring now, they il agreed. "It's boring with a big psychological pressure," Miss

"Our parents don't let us out," she said, "and they make us spend all night and sometimes the day in the shelters.

She wore a silver dogtag on n hain around her neck. "It used to be popular, but now it's popular again," she said. "It's a kind ofwar fashion."

Serbs' Defiant Stance **Puzzles Allied Leaders**

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

BRUSSELS — Increasingly dejected by the inability of their dazzling weapons to bring President Slobodan Milosevic to heel and stop the "ethnic ing nnless Mr. Milosevic called off the cleansing" of Kosovo, NATO leaders

Montenegro - has been politically impervious to a week-long battering by cruise missiles, smart bombs, radar-evading planes, high-tech bombers and other state-of-the art weaponry.

An armed invasion has been, in effect, ruled out, NATO officials said. And the existing strategy has only one option left - bombing the Yugoslav president's nerve centers in the heart of Belgrade, with all the risks that carries of causing civilian casualties,

The alternative, alliance top civilian that the basic premise behind the bombing strategy, that a sufficient show of air power would batter Mr. Milosevic and his supporters into accepting Western the ground." he said, except after a prescriptions for Kosovo, was fatally

And that, in turn, would mean admitting that the world's most powerful air forces at its disposal, was helpless to curb the authoritarian leader of a small Balkan country from killing and victimizing his people.

We may not have the means to stop it, but we have shown we have the will to

For the first time, other allied officials

losevic had proved to be no pushover.
"We're up against an intelligent and "We're up against an intelligent and capable adversary who is attempting to offset all our strategies," General Clark

"This is not a problem that was created in 24 hours," he said, "and it will not be solved in 24 hours."

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the air campaign behind schedule, even

as Yugoslav troops have stepped up their campaign against ethnic Albanians.

war has failed to curb the killings.

spokesman, Kenneth Bacon.

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Key Negotiator

Is Reported Alive

Reuters
BRUSSELS — Two Kosovo Al-

banian leaders reported to have

been summarily executed by Serbs are in fact alive, U.S. diplomatic and

Kosovo Albanian sources said Wednesday.

Fehmi Agani, a veteran politician who played a key role in the Ram-honillet peace talks, and Baton Hax-

hiu, the Koha Ditore oewspaper editor-in-chief who voiced the aspi-

rations of his people, have not been

executed as reported by the North

Atlantic Treaty Organization on

A Kosovo Albanian source agreed, saying: "We are sure of it. We have it from various sources."

Kosovo, so they could not be de-

scribed as being safe, given the wave of intimidation and ethnic

Air Commodore David Wilby,

NATO military spokesman, citing

said Monday that the two were

among five prominent Kosovo Al-

banian men who had been executed

Belgrade said at the time that

there was no evidence to back up the

what he called "reliable sources,

He said the two men were still in

"Yes. We believe they are

Monday, the sources said.

alive," a U.S. source said.

cleansing now under way.

Military officials conceded that the air

"I think right now, it is difficult to say

that we have prevented one act of bru-

tality at this stage," said a Pentagon

The climate has compelled NATO to rely more heavily on missiles launched

from sea and air, as well as bombs dropped from B-2s, all of which satel-

said. "There are risks and no certainties

in this.' The only certainty, the general said, was that the Serbian police and military forces would continue to be "attacked, degraded, and disrupted" by the bomb-

are wondering: What next?

The Serb who heads the Federation of Yngoslavia — meaning just Serbia and Despite the failure of this strategy so far to check the Serbs, General Clark maintained a resolute stance. "The political consensus is building, political will is building, and resolution is

strengthening."
NATO's rejection Tuesday of an offer from Belgrade, which allied govern-ments viewed as a mere ploy, left NATO where it had been for the past week — hoping that punishing attacks from the air would persuade Mr. Milosevic that he had no choice but to accept allied terms.

But if that did not work, as Mr. Solana explained in the interview, there was little NATO could do except say that at official say, would be to acknowledge least it had tried. It was too late, Mr. Solana said, for NATO to send in ground

peace settlement agreed to by the Serbs. Planning for a combat operation to fight their way in, he said, would take time that the allies could not afford if they alliance, with the world's most powerful hoped to spare further agony to the civilians of Kosovo.

The only way that U.S. and European troops would be prepared to enter Kosovo, the allies all agree, is as part of an allied peacekeeping force, with the consent of both the Albanians who live

discuss peacekeepers. Now, Mr. Solana said, "All our energy although he acknowledged that Mr. Mi-losevic had proved to be no pushover. 23 start of a meeting in Washington to celebrate NATO's 50th anniversary.

Another problem has developed. The air force is running out of its most highly prized cruise missiles, launched from B-

52s with 2,000-pound warheads. The shortage occurs as NATO gears up for a

possible assault on downtown Belgrade.

for such missions.

Those missiles are the weapon of choice

In the first week of the air campaign,

U.S. B-52s dropped roughly 50 cruise

missiles, reducing hy one-third the air force's worldwide stock of 150. "That's

something that we do worry about," Mr. Bacon said. "We have a supply now. But it won't last forever."

Made by Boeing Co., the air-launched missiles cost \$1 million each and are prized for their accuracy and impact.

Although equally accurate, the sealaunched Tomahawk cruise missile has a smaller washead \$00 pounds and is in

smaller warhead, 500 pounds, and is in

ample supply. They are made by Ray-theou Co. and cost \$600,000 apiece.

Two weeks before the air war began, the Pentagon ordered a review of its

guided-missile stocks and decided to

proceed without increasing the supplies.
"We are fully satisfied that we have

sufficient ammunition," a senior Pen-tagon official said Tuesday, speaking oo

In another impediment, Yugoslav troops and artillery have dispersed into the region's forests and hills. Serbian

tanks are parked uext to residences, dar-

To work around this obstacle, NATO

wants to use unmanned reconnaissance

drones to examine the battlefield and

transmit coordinates to allied warplanes.

But the weather has grounded the

drones. There are also political coustraints. Over the past eight days, General Wesley Clark, the NATO military

commander, has requested Apache heli-copters, only to be turned down by polit-

ical leaders, a NATO official said. The

helicopters, for use against tanks, sug-

gest a ground war more than an air war.

NATO had damaged or severely dam-

Admiral Thomas Wilson, the director of

intelligence for the Joint Staff, repeatedly

refused to define exactly what those

condition of anonymity.

ing NATO pilots to strike.

Photographers walking through a factory destroyed by the air strikes in Cacak, Yugoslavia. Workers denied the factory made military equipment.

As of 1700 LMT SERBIA 44TH PARALLEL BILGARIA **Podgorica**

NATO: Increasing Repression in Kosovo Leads to Intensification of Western Attacks

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olence at a pivotal juncture.

Late Tuesday, alliance political leadtry," the NATO secretary-general, Javi- in Kosovo and the Serbs who rule over it. ers authorized military officers to exer Solana Madariaga said in an interview But Mr. Milosevic has refused even to pand the air attacks, but the immediate effect it might have was far from clear.

The New York Times, quoting two here began talking privately about the possibility that the bombing strategy might not work.

That was not the view of General Wesley Clark, the alliance commander began talking and helping the refugees.'

Asked how long the stalemate might continue, Mr. Solana said he was sure the bombing would be over before the April government huildings in central Bel-bombing would be over before the April grade, in an acknowledge, in an acknowledge, which externel that air strikes, which entered their eighth day Wednesday, had failed to halt the assault in Kosovo or sufficiently damage the Serbian military.

ATTACK: Cloudy Skies Hold Pilots Back

targets elsewhere in the country, a major

It was unclear whether even with the risk of civilian casualties.

Participants in the NATO discussion told the international Herald Inhune ported that NATO had agreed to an late Tuesday that, although military targetiog had been expanded, the consensus view was that targets such as the power grid and television broadcast towers should continue to be excluded.

NATO military leaders had sought permission to strike these installations, arguing that they were being employed These attacks, the report said, would probably include government centers hotting up," General Sir Charles Gulike the Interior Ministry and Defense thrie, chief of the British defense staff, Ministry huildings as well as military said at a news conference in London.

late for ground troops to move into Kosovo, and they reiterated on Wedprecision weaponry available, the al-nesday that many more days of high-risk liance forces would be able to strike such attacks may be needed to quell an adtargets in a crowded city without serious versary that has matched NATO's intense air effort by an equally furious

> NATO commander, General Wesley Clark, separately reaffirmed the plan to

> would be targeted. "We know where they have dispersed to and we know

where they are hiding," he said.
In Moscow, Foreign Minister Igor
Ivanov said that Russia had "reliable

NATO officials say it is already too information" that the United States was considering a plan to let Koscvo break from Yugoslavia or to divide the area. This appeared to track reports from Washington that, in the U.S. vew, the Serbs had forfeited rights to Ko:ovo. Mr. Clinton had hinted at his on campaign in the towns and villages of Tuesday, saying that at the offensive

Kosovo to eject large portions of its ethnic Albanian population.

The White House spokesman and the gainst ethnic Albanian/continued, Mu Milosevic would see 'the prospect of international support fo Serbia's claim to Kosovo increasingly eopardized."

There was little or to independent confirmation of either Stbian of NATO hit Serbian targets systematically.

The British defense secretary, George
Robertson, said Serbian tanks and troops

Confirmation of either Serbian or NATO
military actions inside kosovo, and to a
large extent the escalation of the conflict was embodied in less-thin-detailed military briefings and increasingly harsh public statements. At a briefing in Brusels, Air Com-

modore David Wilby of Britain, NATO's military spokeman, said that "a large number of refuges" and some Kosovo rebels had beet shelled with tanks and artillery in Kosovo's Pagarusa

Valley both Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. Rubin, the State Department spokesman, said that in oe district, as many as 50,000 to 75,000 people were being shelled or otherwise attacked by Serbian forces.

The conflict took an unusual elec-tronic turn Wednesday as VATO said that its Internet Web site, a important source of information on the war in Yugoslavia, had been hit y a "cyber attack" from hacker-type exerts in Belgrade.

Officials said hackers ere inundating its site with computerviruses and firing off thousands of e-ma messages

each day, overloading the siz.
Early Wednesday, U.S. oficials took possession of the Yugosla Embassy and the ambassador's redence in Washington, ordering diplomts to leave

the country immediately.

A State Department officialescribed the operation as routine.

Joseph Fitchest of the IHT antributed

Sergei Yushenkov in a scuffle on Wednesday over a peace mission to Belgrade by a group of Russian liberals. to this report. REFUGEES: Bringing Stories of Horror, Thousands Flood Into Albania From Koovo

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Kosovar refugees.

winter snow is melting. The border pass of them. As they passed under the Alitself is a green and brown expanse cut by the hlue-gray Drin River. Goats scale the low rises, and peasants, some in traditional dress, lead donkeys with was over.

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But a trail of human misery is being ronted into this far reach of northern Albania. In interviews here over recent est a ground war more than an an war.

Military briefers said Tuesday that days, dozens of refugees have described expulsions of tens of thousands of ethnic aged the systems that integrate Albanians from their homes and farms in Yugoslavia's vaunted air defenses, its Albanians from their homes and farms in southern Kosovo hy Yugoslav and Serties nearby city of Kukes, where the morning about 300 refugees came down bian security forces, a forced migration Alhanian government, despite the counintelligence-gathering capability, army bian and police garrisons, and aircraft repair that a depots. But Vice Admiral Fry and Rear ities. that appears to be punctuated by atroc-

hours later, and a procession of several hundred refugees moved through ou formed members of the Kosovo Lib-said they would burn them in their

HEATED DEBATE — Lawmakers in Russia's State Duma restrain Vasili Shandybin, second from left, and

In the near distance, Serbian flags

billowed over the border post. Farther back in the surrounding fields, Yugoslav troops moved around newly dug and neighbors, Mr. Kabashi, who had trenches. And on either side of the river, a Yugoslav look-out post and Albanian artillery batteries faced off.

try's poverty, has organized a massive tractors to take them to Albania. Yugoslav officials shut this border crossing at 1 A.M. Tuesday after 70,000 people had converged on it in the previous two days. But it was reopened 12 ruesday.

A round the country. Kukes, which was chaotic with huge crowds and random gunfire Monday, was much calmer Tuesday. effort to disperse refugees to shelter

At another time, this would be a glorious place. The surrounding mountains ately to count the refugees crossing here independence from Serhia, were stopbanians had complied. rise like cliff faces, and atop them the and to note the village of origin of each ping refugee-laden tractors and asking young men aboard to return with them to

The guerrillas, many of whom appeared bewildered and frantic, refused to talk to reporters and accused some of being spies. No young men among the incoming refugees chose to join them.

After he found the bodies of his father worked as a bus conductor, said he fled to a river bank where he and others spent to the village of Krajk where they found

Mr. Kabashi said they encountered no problems with security forces on their way to Albania. And other refugees, such as Sadik Berisha, from the village of Lipovec, near the town of Djakovica, away."

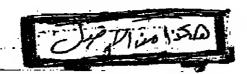
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The experience of the efugees differed depending on which use of the Yugoslav army or Serbian paradilitary police they had to deal with.

Some refugees reported the many Serbian civilians in Kosovo havenmed themselves and are acting as local militia. Latif Krasniqi, 35, said pat in the village of Leshan, local Sees set some homes of their former neighors on fire as security forces rounds up ethnic Albanians for expulsion.

He said one man he knew from the area, but only by his first name, ora, forced an elderly ethnic Albanian von an into a burning house. A grou of ethnic Albanian men watched helplasly as the house was consumed by flaces.
"The woman spoke no words no screams," Mr. Krasniqi said. "Hegot

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HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT



At a Bombed-Out Factory in Serbia, Workers Deny Making Weapons,

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

CACAK, Serbia — In the first guided tour conducted by the Yugoslav Army since it issued wartime press passes on Tuesday, journalists were shown significant bomb damage Wednesday in two central Serbian towns, roughly 100 kilometers south of Belgrade.

The large Sloboda, or Freedom, factory in Cacak was destroyed in two NATO raids of some 10 missiles each over two different nights, Suoday and Tuesday, local and army officials said, with a total of 10 civilians wounded.

The officials, including the angry general manager of the factory. Radovan Ljujic, said that the factory produced only civilian products, such as vacuum cleaners, ovens and electrical heaters, and hari no military purpose at all. He estimated it would cost \$300 million to replace the factory, the largest in Cacak.

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> Milan Djordjevic said he had worked for the factory for 30 years as a mechanic making engine rotors. "This whole assembly line was Western equipment we paid for," he said, pointing to a brokeo machine-tool. "Now the West destroys our factory. You know, we're just workers and honest people."

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Three teenagers in punk dress, with pierced ears and ice-blue gel in their hair, said the bombings had made them feel very patriotic.

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UN Indicts Serbian Paramilitary Leader

THE HAGUE - The Yugoslav war crimes tribunal said Wednesday it had indicted a notorious Serbian paramilitary leader for Bosnian War-era atrocities, an announcement aimed at stopping him

from deploying units to Kosovo.

Zeljko Raznatovic, also known as
Arkan, was indicted in September 1997. but the indictment was not announced so as not to impede his arrest, said Louise Arbour, the UN court's chief prosecutor. She refused to disclose the exact

The publication of Arkan's indictment was aimed at dissuading him from deploying his "Tigers" paramilitary unit in the escalating conflict in Kosovo, where Serbs are trying to drive out ethnic

'In light of recent reports of his alleged involvement in Kosovo," Ms. Arbour said, "I have decided to make public the existence of an indictment against Zeliko Raznatovic, also known as Arkan,"

on notice those who might be inclined to retain his services or to obey his orders that they, too, will be tainted by their association with an indicted war criminal.'' she said.

Warrants for Mr. Raznatovic's arrest will be sent to the Yugoslav Embassy, she said, though Yugoslavia has refused to arrest suspects indicted by the tribunal. Arkan has insisted that neither he nor

his Tigers have fought in the Kosovo conflict, which erupted a year ago.

Arkan himself was seen in Belgrade

on Monday attending a rock concert held in defiance of NATO air strikes. Arkan's Tigers have been accused of involvement in atrocities committed during the wars in Bosnia and Croatia in the early 1990s, and human rights groups have long called for his indict-

Croatian authorities are seeking his arrest on genocide charges. Ms. Arbour said she would not reveal

Publicizing the indictment will "put the nature of the charges against Arkan until he was arrested.

Arkan is the 59th suspect to be publicly indicted by the UN court, which has 26 suspects in custody in The Hague.

Ms. Arbour also urged Western governments to hand over evidence of atrocities in Kosovo and said her investigations were "progressing through means I am not prepared to make pub-

She said she took seriously recent U.S., British and NATO offers to turn over evidence of atrocities, including the names of those responsible,

"I welcome these statements and I take these assurances seriously," Ms. Arbour said. 'I expect to be provided with this information on a continuous basis, not only from these sources but from all governments, international organizations, nongovernmental organizations and private individuals who are committed to peace and justice and the dispassionate pursuit of truth.

STRATEGY: Strains for NATO

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attacks in Parliament on its pro-NATO policy, the Vatican said that it would make a peace initiative directly aimed at

Mr. Milosevic, Reuters reported.]
Mr. Milosevic has been extremely adroit at exploiting differences among NATO's 19 member states. But senior NATO officials believe be has committed two crucial mistakes: the forced exodus of ethnic Albanians that has appalled the outside world and the intrusion by two MiG fighters into Bosnian air space that betrayed aggressive intentions against his neighbors.

With more than 600,000 Kosovars uprooted and many fleeing for their lives, NATO officials say the atrocities have consolidated support for bombing. The German government said Wed-

nesday there are credible reports that Serb forces have organized three large concentration camps to hold many of the male prisoners that were separated from families during the forced expulsions. An estimated 100,000 are now incar-Zeljko (Arkan) Raznatovic observing his units in Yugoslavia in 1995. He cerated in the Pristina stadium, accordstands accused of war crimes for his actions in the war in Bosnia. ing to Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping. He insisted the civilized world could not stand aside and watch while acts of genocide were carried out that have not been seen in Europe since the Nazi crimes committed in the name of Germany during World War II.

The alliance, however, has its own problems. As the war progresses, strains are becoming evident in sustaining a nnited froot. The chief NATO spokesman, Jamie Shea, said: "Democracies are always at a fundamental disadvantage because criminals know when they will commit a crime. It is always quicker for somebody like Milosevic to pull the trigger than for us to respond."

In an agonizing debate that lasted into the early hours of Wednesday, 19 ambassadors from NATO countries struggled for nearly eight hours to reach consensus on giving authority to the NATO supreme commander, General Wesley Clark, to attack targets linked to the Yugoslav leadership. Some Euroean governments are worried that missile strikes in downtown Belgrade would cause civilian casualties and undermine public support for the air strikes.

Besides political consequences, there are military questions about the wisdom of taking the war to the Serbian capital. Some allied military officials question the value of hitting the Interior and Defense ministries, which have probably relocated to underground hunkers. Mr. Milosevic's palace, which ooce housed Yugoslavia's monarchy, also prompts second thoughts as a potential target.

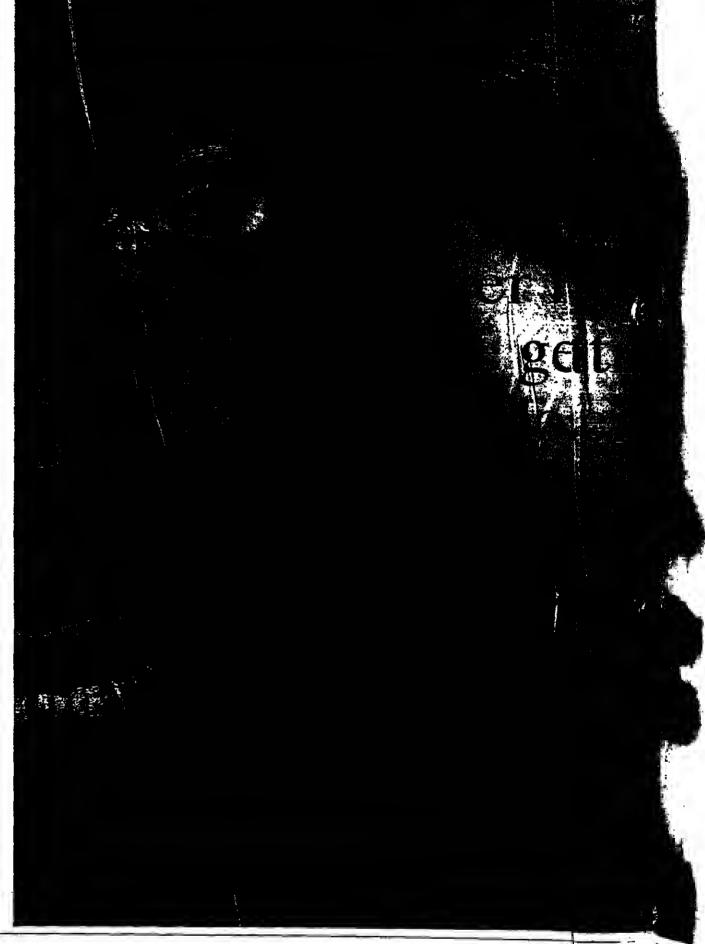
A senior NATO official said: "It's an

important symbol of Serb culture. Do you really think we can win the hearts and minds of the people and turn them against their leadership if we destroy part of their history?"

NATO's difficulties have already provoked some soul-searching about how the alliance miscalculated Mr. Milosevic's intentions. Military commanders say they missed important signals that the Serbs were preparing the forced expulsion campaign as early as October.

At that time, Mr. Milosevic fired his armed forces chief of staff, who apparently opposed the plan conceived as a springtime offensive to sweep out the ethnic Albanians. But allied military officials said they thought this was an internal power dispute.

In retrospect, they say Mr. Milosevic eliminated top commanders suspected The Pristina headquarters of the of disloyalty, then managed to string Yuguslav Army and of Serbian police along the alliance in the belief he would



In Pristina, Street Battles And Expulsions by Train

By Paul Watson Lus Angeles Times Service

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Explosions and bursts of machine-gun fire have echoed across Kosovo's capital in what appeared to be a pitched battle between ethnic Alhanian guerrillas and Serbian security forces — the first time that Pristing had been caught up in such The heavy shooting began about 9:30

A.M. Tuesday, and the sound was lond enough in the center of the city that it appeared at first as if NATO was carrying out a threat to start bombing Kosovo during the day.

But no air-raid sirens wailed, and the who we did not announce any daylight . A stakes on Pristing at its daily briefing i.i Brussels, where the alliance anpounced that it was set to carry out raids round the clock as cloud cover lifted ever the provioce.

Pristina's semi-official media center Confirmed that Kosovo Liberation Army gastinas were battling with security forces in the capital's Sunny Hill district and said Serbian civilians had joined in to repel the KLA attack.

If the report of Tuesday's battle proves true, it would be the KLA's boldest approximation in Pristina since Kosovo's war occast 15 months ago, hardly someining that Sarbs would want to trumpet in the middle of a war with NATO.

in the countryside and the closest Pristing came to it was a few terrorist bombings. It is not clear whether those earlier bombs were planted by Serbs or ethnic Albanians.

As night fell, and the city's electricity was turned off machine gunners exenanged fire again at the edge of Pristina.

The capital is bracing for more heavy air strikes after bombs or missiles destroyed the Interior Ministry police headquariers in the middle of the capital early Monday but left the Yugoslay icontine headquarters un-

KLA guerrillas, whose fight for an independent Kosovo erupted into fullscale war in late February 1998. launched Monday's assault from the nearby village of Mancane, said Radovan Urosevic, a journalist who ad-

Mr. Urosevic lives in the Sunny Hill district and he said his information came from neighbors he had contacted by

■ Forced Expulsions by Train

of Pristina resideots ooto a train, locked the doors and expelled them from Kosovo as part of a campaign to empty the province of ethnic Albanians, Reuters reported Wednesday from Mace-

Weeping men, women and children were said to have been ordered off the train hefore dawn into a field just inside Macedonia, and they spent hours shivering in a drizzle while local police officers registered their arrival.

several districts in Kosovo's capital early Tuesday, marched to the main station and forced at gunpoint to board the

"The police came yesterday morning unc muddle ut a war with NATO.

Until now, Kosovo's war was fought and told us, 'Go, just go.' They shot in the air, so we left," said a man of 38. He and his family were given three hours to pack and leave.

sengers said had 15 coaches, took the Macedonian authorities by surprise. It suggested Serbian forces had begun to empty Pristina, which previously had

been spared. Passengers feared they were going to be used by the Serbs as human shields

'We thought we would be used as prisoners of war or in case of NATO attacks," said a man named Victor.

exodns from the Pristina, a long column of vehicles carrying ethnic Albanians, ethnic Turks and Serbs fled the city.

ministers the Serhia Media Center here.

Serbian forces have herded hundreds

They spoke of being rounded up from

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Besa Guci, an ethnic Albanian refugee from Kosovo, resting in a hospital in Albania on Wednesday. She said she was injured by a Serbian grenade.

Peace Hopes Fade As Refugee Ranks Grow

By Jane Perlez. New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The growing exodus of refugees from Kosovo - now nearly one-third of the ethnic Albanian population of the province — has left Clinton administration and NATO officials wondering whether they will be able to achieve their goal of seeing Serbs and ethnic Albanians live together

peacefully.

James Rubin, the State Department spokesman, said Tuesday that the strategy of forcing ethnic Albanians from their homes, under the direction of the Yugoslav president, Slobodan Milosevic, has crystallized the animosity harves the two groups. This "radic between the two groups. This "radio alization" of the province, be said, w making it "all the more difficult to ima ine a circumstance where the peop can begin to live together again." Mr. Rubin insisted that the adri

istration stood by the framework of Rambouillet accord, which called

stay within Serbia as an au-

TO officials have started talkother outcomes, including talk that Kosovo could wind up as a entity under international pro-- if the allies actually succeed in g the Scrbian military.

ching the outlines of a protecta NATO planner said that NATO would oversee the return of ethnic ian refugees to Kosovo and guartheir safety under an arrangement hich the Serbs would have virtually

In London, British officials said the fugees should be allowed to return me. The defense minister, George obertson, said that Mr. Milosevic hould not be rewarded for ejecting ethic Albanians from Kosovo.

The refugees must be allowed to go home; their homes must be rebuilt. Mr. Robertson said. He and others were not specific about who would rebuild the villages or pay for it.

The outflow of refugees, many of them traumatized by the executions they said they had witnessed, could easily racy. destabilize the fragile countries of Macedonia and Albania, as well as the

Yugoslav republic of Mooteoegro. Given the speed at which the Serbian forces have pushed the ethnic Albanians out of their homes, a Balkans specialist in the administration predicted Tuesday that by the eod of the week, half the Albanian population could be outside the province and the remainder left crouching in the woods.

Since NATO bombing started, Mr. Milosevic had purposely pushed refugees to Macedonia and Albania in an effort to throw into turmoil the very countries that the bombing was supposed to help protect, a Clinton adminstration official said.

About a third of the 2 million in-habitants of Macedonia are Albanian and a large inflow of ethnic Albanians from Kosovo could tip the balance into a majority Albanian populatioo, the of-

Officials there were appealing Tuesday to the European Union to take some of the ethnic Albanian refugees, and foreign ministers from Germany. Austria and Finland said they would meet Thurs-

day near Bonn to discuss the issue. Albania is the poorest country in Europe, barely able to look after its own people, and certainly not able to care for the tens of thousands of new refugees, the Clinton administration official said.

It was possible, the official said, that NATO troops would have to be sent to Albania as well as Macedonia — where a 12,000 strong NATO force has been poised as peacekeepers for Kosovo — to help the two countries control increasing tensions.

"I think we're going to end up with troops in Albania and Macedonia," the Clinton administration official said. "For Macedonia these refugees make

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Leaders Fail to Solve Ulster Impasse

By James F. Clarity New York Times Service

HILLSBOROUGH, Northern Ireland - Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders sought for a third day Wednesday to fiod a compromise on the bitter dispute over the disarmament of the Irish Republican Army that is blocking the peace process in this British province.

Prime Ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Bertie Ahern of Ireland left the province after two days of trying to arrange a settlement that would pave the way for the transfer of home rule powers by Britain to the new Northern Ireland Assembly. The transfer is part of the peace agreement approved April 10 last

The prime ministers said they would return only if the politicians worked out

(Later Wednesday, Mr. Ahem told the Irisb Parliament that he would return to Belfast later in the day to rejoin the talks. news agencies reported. A spokesman in London for Mr. Blair said the British leader would also return shortly.]

The British government denied assertions by some politicians that its Easter deadline would be postponed. Another delay would not collapse the peace effort, but could lead to renewed sectarian violence.

The crucial problem is that transfer of home rule powers may not start until the assembly forms a cabinet. Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, is to receive two of the cabinet posts, once they are allotted. But the First Minister of the Assembly. David Trimble, a Protestant, says he will not form a cabinet with Sinn Fein until



Gerry Adams, left, and Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein at the talks Wednesday

to decommissioning its arsenal, estimated at 100 tons of weapons and explo-

The IRA, which is overwhelmingly Catholic, has observed a cease-fire for 20 months. On Wednesday the guerrilla organization issued a statement that was immediately and predictably described as negative by Protestant unionists and as positive by Sion Fein and other of-

of the IRA's annual proclamation mark- has held two cease-fires since 1904, and

Rising of Republicans against the British eolonial power, was useless because it did not contain a promise that the IRA

But other politicians, including Sinn Fein officials, noted that the IRA had dropped its explicit vow, made last August, that there would be "no decommissioning by the IRA." The politicians noted that the statement also said the cials. IRA supported the goals of the peace. The unionists said the statement, part effort. The IRA also emphasized that it

BILBAO: Revival Built on New Museum

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But it is Bilbao's Guggenheim that gets the most attention, and the most

A magnet for architects from around the world. Mr. Gehry's seemingly chaot-ic twisting sculpture of a building is one of the few museums anywhere where the architecture students on the outside sketching the building outnumber the art students on the inside sketching the

paintings. This huge edifice came to be because the needs of a museum in New York. a eity in northern Spain and an architect who works oear the beach in Santa Monica, California, came together at pre-

eisely the right moment.

The Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation, which runs the famous modem art collection in New York City, was looking for new venues.

Frustrated with the traditional mode of museum operations --- a constant battle for new acquisitions, many of which end up in warehouses - the Guggenheim's board has led a movement by major museums to get more of its art

before the public.

The Guggenheim collection is so big that only 5 percent can be shown at any given time at its flagship Frank Lloyd Wright-designed building in New York City. So the museum went looking for more display space in the late 1980s first at two more siles in New York, and then in Venice and Berlin.

By the early 1990s, the Guggenheim's board was negotiating for a site in Salzburg.

At the same time, the provincial goverrament of Basque Country was banling violence and economic decay in its chief city. Bilbao, an industrial center near the metropolitan population of 1 million, glass. suffered a major blow in the late 1980s when its big shipyard in the city center closed because of low-wage competition from Eastern Europe and Asia. The 30year terrorist campaign by Basque separatists made things worse.

"Gradually, the idea emerged that we could revive our city with art and culture," recalled Nerea Abasolo, of the museum staff. "So in 1991, we went to the Guggenheim. We said. 'Salzburg has opera. Salzburg has tourists. They don't the last minute. need a museum. But we need this desperately.

The Guggenheim agreed that the old shippard would be the location of its new European museum. To fail the site, the museum board asked three architects to

Mr. Gehry had a reputation as a playwhen he was asked to submit a design for new life for our city."

a giant museum along the Nervion

River, he was ready.
"They were reaching out with this building to the global society, he said. And Mr. Gehry set out to create a build-

ing that the world would come to see. Mr. Gehry's museum has some sections of honey-brown timestone and some of glass. But on top of these materials he has

placed billowing metal caoopies covered with a shell of thin ritanium. which gleams silver, gold and blue as it reflects the river and the sky.

For a pedestrian strolling toward the museum down Bilbao's lparraguire

Street, it looks as if some giants had a pienie on a limestone outcropping and left their crumbled aluminum foil be-

Just 10 the east of the museum site, an ugly green highway bridge on battered concrete piers crosses the river, with huge trucks rumbling by 24 bours a

The other two architects who bid for the commission designed large walls to block off this urban intrusion. But Mr. Gehry - whose vaguely ship-like design twists and sprawls all over the place anyway -- incorporated the bridge into his building.

The museum wraps under, over and around the bridge, so that those trucks now rumble directly above a giant gal-lery that displays, appropriately enough, the industrial-sized steel creations of the American sculptor Richard Serra.

One problem with a museum that ranks — as Bilbao's posters proudly proclaim - as "un edificio especiaculur" is that the edifice tends to overwhelm the art. Critics have said that paintings - even huge, colorful murals - tend to get lost in the museum's vast chilly waters of the Bay of Biscay with a arched galleries of white plaster and blue

> The most successful works of art in this large and unconventional space have been massive pieces designed specifically for Bilbao.

The aura of play surrounding the project is accentuated by the American artist Jeff Koons's 35-foot-tall sculpture of a puppy, completely covered in multicolored pansies, outside the front door. Fortunately, a plot by Basque nationalists to blow it up was foiled by police at

The museum staff says visitors often express envy of Bilbao. "We had some people from Washingtoo, D.C.," Nerea Abasolo said.

"They were complaining that the planning committee or the arts comcompete for the commission. One was mission or whatever would never allow a Austrian, one was Japanese, and one was building this unusual to be built on your

mall. "And I thought: Washington, D.C.! ful designer giveo to witty gestures. By You have so much already! You don't the early 1990s, though, he was ready to need a building to gain a global profile. make a major architectural statement. So But for Bilbao, this new building means

BRIEFLY

Swiss Fox Program Eliminates Rabies

ZURICH - Switzerland has wiped out rabies by vaccinating foxes, becoming the first country to root out the disease using this method, the Federal Office for Veterinary Affairs said Wednesday.

Foxes are the primary carriers of rabies in Europe. Switzerland began a systematic campaign to vaccinate foxes in 1978 and has not detected a

ease of rabies in foxes since 1986. As of April 1, dogs in Switzerland no longer oeed to be vaccinated against rabies, said Heinz Mueller, a spokesman for the office. Dogs from abroad will continue to need proof of vaccination. (Renters)

Damages Lowered In 'McLibel' Case

LONDON - The English High Court on Wednesday reduced the damages two penniless British activists must pay for libeling Mc-Donald's Corp. from £60,000 (\$96,500) to £40,000.

The court said it allowed "in part" an appeal by the environmental activists against the verdice handed down in 1997 at the end of England's longest trial ever.

In what became known as the McLibel case, Helen Steel and David Morris were ordered to pay damages to McDonald's for a libelous pamphlet. But in public relations terms the 314-day trial was widely seen to be a victory for the couple. who made it clear Wednesday that they would fight on. (Reuters)

For the Record

With France's ralification on Tuesday, the Amsterdam Treaty, the European Union's new constitution, has finally been ratified by all 15 EU countries and can enter into force on May 1, an EU spokesman in Brussels said Wednesday.

Britain's House of Lords passed a government bill on Wednesoay that will strip aristocrats with inherited seats from voting in the upper house of Parliament. A government commission has until Dec. 31 to report back with suggestions for a new type of upper chamber for Parliament, possibly partly appointed and partly elect-

JAKARTA — Indonesia was struck by fresh violence Wednesday as two people died in Christian-Muslim fighting and police clashed with students in central Jakarta.

Witnesses said two people died when drunken men from rival villages, wielding machetes and homemade spears. clashed in the Kai islands in the Moluccas where more than 200 people have died in communal bloodshed this year. The witnesses said they had seen two

Singaporean Vows to Push For Freedoms

SINGAPORE - The opposition politician Chee Soon Juan was fined 600 Singapore dollars for selling books illegally, but he pledged to press ahead with his campaign for greater public freedom in Singa-

Mr. Chee said he would continue to sell his books.

"The bookstores won't sell it; how am I going to be able to get it out to Singaporeans?" he asked.

Mr. Chee's book focuses on Asian opposition leaders, among them Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma and the Singaporean detainee Chia Thye Poh, who was released last November after more than 30 years in prison under internal security laws.

Mr. Chee, who has twice chosen to go to prison instead of paying fines for previous charges of speaking in public without a permit, opted to pay the fine this time, the equivalent of \$347, instead of serving a three-day jail terns.

"This is a different matter altogether." he said. "The previous cases I was contesting on constitutional grounds; I was fighting for the freedom of speech."

Mr. Chee said democracy in Singapore was stifled by the publicspeaking permit system that be challenged, by censorship laws and by state influence over key media. The government has said the per-

mit law is a procedural matter necessary to maintain public order and does not substantially affect the right of free speech.

bodies. Police denied there were any deaths, although they said some people had been injured in a minor clash in the islands on Wednesday.

The deaths coincided with Jakarta's

first violent protest in almost a month and news that five people had died in a dispute between villagers over a plot of land on the eastern island of Flores, about 1,525 kilometers (950 miles) east

In Jakarta, anti-riot police beat students with rattan batons as they tried to march on the military headquarters. About 150 students protesting the

shooting of student demonstrators in May rallied in the central Merdeka, or Freedom, Square. The students later dispersed peacefully.

It was the capital's first violent protest

since March 4. Jakarta has been largely free of vi-olence and protests since students halted a campaign of daily rallies in mid-December.
In Flores, five people were killed in a

land conflict that erupted Friday and was not brought under control until Tuesday. a local journalist said. He said that the situation was calm but tense on Wed-

The archipelago has been swept by waves of violence as religious, ethnic and social tensions boiled over amid the country's worst political and economic crisis in three decades.

At least 176 people bave been killed in the Indonesian part of Borneo island in fighting that has pitted indigenous Malays and Dayaks against migrants from the island of Madura.

■ Portugal Urges Help by UN

Portugual's envoy to Indonesia on Wednesday urged the United Nations to help secure peace in the troubled province of East Timor in the run-up to a vote on autonomy likely later this year. Reuters reported.
"We should not fool ourselves," the

envoy, Ana Gomes, told a news conference. "Almost every day we hear of people being killed — and we are not talking about warfare between the guerrillas and the military, we are talking

Tensions in the former Portuguese colony of 800,000 people have escalated since Jakarta abruptly announced in January that it may grant independence if its offer of wide-ranging autonomy was rejected.

Indonesia and Portugal agreed this month to let the impoverished territory choose between autonomy and indepen-dence in a UN-organized ballot after the Indonesian election on June 7.



An Indonesian policeman preparing to the angle at student protesters in a clash Wednesday in Jakarta. The students, protesting the shooting of descriptors last spring, tried to march on military headquarters.

KOREA: U.S. Gives Sterrarning on Testing or Selling Missiles

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Pyongyang reportedly wants \$1 bil-lion a year for three years. An official described the demand for cash compensation as "unrealistic both in principle and in the amount they were seek-

North Korea said Wednesday that it

North Korea said Wednesday that it would not change its missile policy under pressure from the United States.

A spokesman for North Korea's Foreign Ministry said it was Pyongyang's 'legitimate right of self-defense to develop, test and produce missiles by its own efforts to defend the security of the country because the U.S. is posing concountry because the U.S. is posing constant threats.

KUALA LUMPUR - Malaysia on

Wednesday reported five new deaths as

authorities struggled to wipe out a worsening pig-virus epidemic that has now killed 76 people.

Toll in Malaysian Pig-Virus Outbrea Hits 76

Korean Central News siles, which are believed to be its biggest Agency qui the spokesman as saying the U.S. ils came from "enormous nuclear mis and weapons of mass

U.S. offic say the Taepodong mis-sile tested in usinsed solid fuel in its third stage, uning thir North Korea had acquired dvanced technology to become the fa county with land-based, intercoental ballistic missile capability afterina, Russia and the United States.

Washington North Korea has sold missiles I technology to Pakistan, Iran anther countries in the Middle East. It emerged as the world's leading exer of ballistic mis-

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source of hard currency.
South Korean officials say North Ko-

rea has 10 missile launch sites and four

factories producing missile parts. North Korea said it could not restrain its missile program unless ties with the United States significantly improved. But that would not happen unless Pyongyang took the first steps, a U.S. official said. The United States was prepared to ease long-standing economic sanctions under the Trading with the Enemy Act and take steps to normalize ties if North Korea agreed to missile curbs, the official said.

We regard it as entirely appropriate to proceed with easing of sanctions as North Korea addresses the missile issue," he said.

Earlier this month. North Korea agreed to allow U.S. access to a sus-

pected secret nuclear project.
The United States then said it would provide 200,000 ton of food aid to North Korea, which has now become the biggest recipient of U.S. foreign aid in Asia. (Reuters, AP, AFP) BRIEFLY

Immigrants Hold Hong Kong Protest

HONG KONG - About 150 illegal mainland Chinese were holding legal mainland chinese were nothing a sit-in protest at the main Hong Kong government offices Wednes-day to demand the right to stay in the territory pending a legal appeal on a residency law.

The protesters also demanded the release of more than 100 illegal immigrants detained since Tuesday for overstaying their visas.

The renewed protests and arrests

over the right of mainland Chinese to live in Hong Kong came after a court ruling Tuesday that backed the government's plans to deport the immigrants, it ruled against 17 illegal immigrants seeking the right illegal immigrants sought permanent to stay while they sought permanent (Reuters) residence status.

New Law on Rape Hailed in Taiwan

TAIPEI — In a move that fem-inists hailed Wednesday as a major step toward lifting the status of women, Taiwan passed a law that will let prosecutors press charges against rapists regardless of whether the victims go to court themselves.

Most rapists have gotten away with their crimes because the arms.

with their crimes because the existing law, enacted 70 years ago, would not let authorities prosecute anyone unless the victim also filed a lawsuit, forcing the women to me-ticulously present evidence of the crime. Most victims declined.

Under the law passed Tuesday, a convicted rapist faces up to five years in prison and, if the judge thinks it necessary, up to three years of sexual therapy.

(AP)

Anwar's Lawyers See Political Case

KUALA LUMPUR — Lawyers for Anwar Ibrahim, the dismissed Malaysian finance minister, closed malaysian mance infinister, closes their case in his corruption trial on Wednesday, saying his only crime was to oppose powerful politicians seeking his downfall.

The remarks upset Judge Augustine Paul, who is due to deliver his verdict in the five-month-old trial on April 6.

"If you want to make a speech like this, you should go out there. he said, pointing outside. (Reuters)



Mexico brty Picks Chief In Unconested Election

By Mary Beth Sherid: Lus Angeles Times Service

MEXICO CITY - In an unsessful experiment with internal demacy, Mexico's long-governing Institutional Revolutionary Party has chosen ew leader — the only candidate on that

lot.

The party's failure to carry ol'n election with multiple candidates cia pall over the victory of Jose Antic Gonzalez Fernandez. Some analysts p dicted that the election, marred charges of manipulation, would inte sify a power struggle in the party.

sharpening." said Joel Estudillo, an ana beloved party," he said.

lyst at the Mexican Institute of Politica. Mr. Echeverria has been associated

Studies. "There is permanent uncer-vith critics of Mr. Zedillo and the free-

If divisions in the party are not healed, "there is the possibility of a return of political violence," he warned, referring to the bloodshed that accompanied the

1994 presidential campaign.

The Institutional Revolutionary
Party, however, was not the only party
failing at internal elections. In a reflection of the fragility of Mexico's instinutions, the main leftist opposition group, the Democratic Revolution Party, is leaderless as well. The leftist party held a nationwide

vote last month to choose its new leader. but the contenders charged that it was tarnished by fraud. The party is now considering throwing out the results.

The election of party leaders is important because they will play key roles in the presidential race in 2000. That election is expected to be the most competitive in Mexico's history. In the past, the president selected a party leader and the governing party's

370-member Political Council ratified the decision with a show of hands. But on Tuesday, for the first time, coun-

cil members voted by secret ballot, dropoing paper slips into a clear plastic um.

not mark much of an advance.

Mr. Gonzalez Fernandez, a former labor minister, had quickly gained the public support of party heavyweights who saw him as the choice of President

Emesto Zedillo, analysts noted.
One other candidate, Rodolfo
Echeverria, a former member of Congress, entered the race March 22 after the resignation of the previous party leader, Mariano Palacios Alcocer. But Mr. Echeverria bowed out three days later, saying that senior party members favored his opponent.

"We don't want to be participants in another episode that doesn't contribute The differences within the party at to the democratization or unity of our

parket technocrats that dominate his

In the election Tuesday, Mr. Gonzalez mandez received 262 votes, 26 ballots Te declared null, and the rest of the acil members failed to participate. nalysts said Mr. Ecbeverria's angry widrawal had thwarted the whole

Pix of the party race: to confer le-git acy on the new party leader. Gonzalez Fernandez 'starts out wee ned, there's no doubt, 's aid Sergio emiento, a political columnist. 'It will ke work to recover the lost

The main task of the new party leader will be gain party support for a set of rules be choose the presidential candidate for 2000.

date for 1000.

The vexican president's tradition of choosing the governing party's candidate was a process known as the "deduze." or "big finger."

But Mr. Zedillo has vowed not to follow that procedure this time and has proposed primaries instead.

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tion scandal the Institutional Revolu-tionary Pany lost its majority in the ng paper slips into a clear plastic um. lower house of Congress for the first But critics said the new process did time in 1997 modern elections.

Russia Sells T-90 Tanks to India

armored regiments with the new Russian -90 tank by the end of 1999, and New Delhi may receive a license to assemble the tanks, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported Wednesday.

Citing unidentified Defense Ministry

sources, the report said that a batch of 124 T-90 tanks would be delivered to India. A second batch of tanks may be assembled in India if the two nations

reach a production agreement, it said.

The Russian tanks will be used as a traditionally been strong:

counter to 320 Ukrainian-made T-80UD MOSCOW — India will start to equip tanks being supplied to Pakistan, the mored regiments with the new Russian report said. Detense Minister Igor Sergeyev discussed sales of the T-90 during a recent Visir to New Delhi.

The T-90 is Russia's most advanced tank and is armed with a 125 mm gun and

advanced protective armor.

India has long been a leading buyer of
Soviet and Russian arms; its defense
forces use up to 80 percent of Russian equipment and spares. Relations between Moscow and New Delhi have

BRIEFLY

Inmates Abused In U.S., UN Told

GENEVA — An independent fact-finder for the United Nations has said sexual misconduct by guards is common in women's pris-

ons in the United States.
Since the current UN Human Rights Commission session began March 22, the United States has been criticized over reports of police brutality, ill-treatment of detained women seeking asylum and

the use of capital punishment.
In a report presented Tuesday, the special investigator for violence against women, Radhika Coomara-swamy of Sri Lanka, added sexual misconduct in women's prisons to

Inuit Get Territory In Canadian North

IQALUIT, Canada — A new territory. Nunavut, will be created Thursday. The 25,000 residents, most of them Inuit, will enjoy wide

antonomy and mining rights under a deal with the Canadian government.

Nunavut, or "our land" in the language of the Inuit, comprises 2.2 million square kilometers (g50,000 square miles), covering two-thirds of the Northwest Territories above the 60th parallel. (AFP)

Passover Holiday Begins in Israel

JERUSALEM - With a lastminute flurry of cleaning and shopping, Israelis prepared Wednesday to usher in Passover, when Jews mark the exodus of the ancient Is-

raelites from slavery in Egypt.

Hours before the holiday's start. at sunset, markets were crowded with people buying key ingredients for a festive meal, or seder, during which the story of the flight from Egypt is ritually recounted. (AP)

Vote Split in Benin

COTONOU, Benin — Early results Wednesday from legislarive elections showed a north-south split. with voters backing President Math-ieu Kerekou in the north and the opposition faring better in the south.

Opposition parties made sweeping gains in Cotonou, the economic capital, on the south coast, the Local Electoral Commission said. (AFP)

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BMW and Britain Agree: Rover Plant Will Be Saved

LONDON — The British government and Bayerische Motoren Werke AG have agreed the Rover car factory at Longbridge, England, "At this stage I cannot say more about the that we can now look forward to BMW maknext century and one that will achieve the highest standards of productivity and working Practices."

In a darkiety that has hung over our members for the past five months. For the 14,000 Long-bridge workers, tomorrow will be the first day of a new and bright future."

Unions said they hoped that BMW would now speed a £1.7 billion program to redevelop that we can now look forward to BMW maknext century and one that will achieve the highest standards of productivity and working Practices."

He added that the standards of productivity and working the Longbridge Renault Not Planning U.S. Sales

Having agreed last week to buy a little more than one-third of Nissan Motor Co., Renault SA may start selling Renault cars under the Nissan name in the United States someday,

He added that the government would hold its next meeting with BMW in the week starting April 12.

BMW also declined to offer any details of the agreement in a statement, but media re-ports had put the government aid at £118 million (\$190.2 million).

""This news is a massive boost for both the Rover Group and the West Midlands industrial base as a whole," the German automaker

Inid Wednesday.

The deal, which still has to be accepted by the BMW board, brings an end to months of speculation over the fate of Rover's factory at Longbridge in central England and more than 50,000 jobs that depend on it. On Tuesday, the chairman of BMW's management board, Joachim Milberg, had said agement board, Joachim Milberg, had said

that the British government was running out of time for the factory, raising the stakes with an implicit threat to move its operation to sell Nissan sport-mility vehicles in Europe

Hungary unless a deal was struck quickly. The chief negotiator for the TGWU transport workers union at Rover, Tony Woodley, quality at reasonable prices while said: "It removes the uncertainty, insecurity enliven Nissan's designs, he said.

ECONOMIC SCENE

Having agreed last week to buy a little more than one-third of Nissan Motor Co., Renault SA may start selling Renault cars under the Nissan name in the United States someday, Keith Bradsher of The New York Times reported from New York. But it has no plans to revive the Renault name in the American market, Renault's chairman and chief executive, Louis Schweitzer, said.

While Renault may start selling vehicles using its own name in Mexico and possibly build these cars at a Nissan factory in that country, the French automaker has no intention of using its own name in the American market because its reputation is so weak Mr. market because its reputation is so weak, Mr. Schweitzer said Tuesday.

"The Renault brand image in the U.S. is poor, that's a fact," he said at a New York auto show. "It reminds people of cars that rusted, which was true years ago.

Mr. Schweitzer's comments were another sign of the importance of brand names in the consolidation of the auto industry.

Mr. Schweitzer said Renault might try to under the Renault name, but in the United States, it will try to use Nissan's reputation for quality at reasonable prices while trying to

Arthur Levitt, chief

of the U.S. Securities

Commission, says he

standards, but not at

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S - Daimler Chrysler's chairmen Robert Eaton, left, and Juergen Schrempp, second from right, th executives Christoph Walther, second from left, and Manfred Gentz, in Stuftgart. Reporting ifreased sales on Wednesday, the company played down merger difficulties. Page 15.

Mitsubishi Electric to Slash Jobs

Firm Hans to Drop 14,500 Positions in Bid to Restore Profitability

Bystephanie Strom

- Mitsubishi Electric Co., on of Japan's big and diversified extronics makers, said Wednesday would cut 14,500 jobs, or about percent of its total work force, part of an overhaul aimed at

restorg profitability.

Thannouncement was one more government had promised in the new fischyear, beginning Thursday, was runing headlong into a wave of unpredented corporate restructuring.

acompanies keep making efforts to their bloated labor forces, which bvernment incentives encouraging hem to spend.

Corporations also show no signs of ending their cost-saving behavi-

Mitsubishi Electric was only the latest company to announce plans to cut capital investment, in its case by 20 percent in the new fiscal year, and its own heavy industrial machinery business has suffered mightily as other Japanese companies have cut

Under normal circumstances, all of the pain that Japanese corporations are currently willing to suffer would lead to productivity gains and better profitability, which would create new jobs and new, high-return

investment opportunities. But Japan is also grappling with

deflation, which means that as fast as Britain and eliminated its semicon-corporations are cutting jobs, excorporations are cutting jobs, ex-penses and investment, their revenue ations in Germany.

growth is falling.

Corporate sales fell 7.1 percent in the fourth quarter of 1998, according to the Ministry of Finance; 4 to 5 percent of that drop can be accounted for by the slump in wholesale

"Clearly, restructuring is gaining hint lat the economic recovery the pace, and it sounds impressive until you look at deflation," said Andrew Shipley, an economist at Schroders Japan Ltd.

Mr. Shipley said ne unemployment rate, which hit would have to slash workers' commall-time high of 4.6 percent in pensation by 6 percent to 8 percent to Faruary, is not going to drop as long make up for the erosion that deflation will inflict on sales.

Thus far. however, wages have turn means consumers are likely to declined just 2 percent year-on-year, main tight-fisted despite various and 1 percent of the work force has lost jobs.

Still, the moves that corporations are making to revamp their husinesses are aggressive by Japanese standards.

Mitsubishi Electric, which is expected to post a loss of roughly 90 billion yen (\$748 million) in the fiscal year that ended Wednesday, said it would eliminate 8,400 jobs in Japan and 6,100 abroad by March 2002. More than 2,000 of those jobs

have already been slashed. The company has already taken an axe to its American operations, closing a semiconductor factory, abandoning its sales of analog televisions and subcontracting the pro-

duction of cellular phones. In Europe, it has stopped producing computers and televisions in ogy.

Mitsubishi Electric also said it

would begin reversing a long-stand-ing aversion to spinning off businesses and start lopping off unprofitable subsidiaries by March 2001. The company said that it would reduce the number of its consoli-

dated subsidiaries to 140 from the

Analysts have long asked the company to jettison its consumer-electronics business, and some would like to see it exit auto-parts man-

The company's money-losing semiconductor manufacturing business is known for its good technology, but it lacks the high sales and investment needed to compete with

larger competitors.
Mitsubishi Electric said Wednesday that it planned to restore profitability to its semiconductor operations in two years by focusing on building more customized chips, a strategy being pursued by many of its

competitors. The company predicted sales of 4 trillion yen on a consolidated basis by March 2002, compared with 3.7 trillion yen in revenues it expects in the fiscal year that ended Wednes-

Mitsubishi Electric, which also is a big producer of defense electronics. said it hoped to become the world's largest manufacturer of satellites and satellite equipment, as well as a leading seller of next-generation communications infrastructure technol-

U.S. GDP Surges 6% In Quarter

Growth Rate Is Strongest In More Than 2 Years

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy grew in the fourth quarter of 1998 at the fastest pace in more than two years, punctuated by vigorous con-sumer spending and an improved trade picture, revised Commerce Department figures showed Wednesday.

But this was not enough to prevent the decade's first drop in corporate profits. The gross domestic product surged at a seasonally adjusted 6 percent annual rate during the last three months of the

year, the department said Wednesday. That was down slightly from the department's earlier estimate of 6.1 percent and was enough, with earlier quarters' performances, to increase the sum of all

goods and services produced within U.S. borders by a robust 3.9 percent in 1998.

But the department's first estimate of after-tax corporate profits showed a drop at a 1 percent rate in the fourth quarter, marking the third quarterly de-

cline of the year.

And for all of 1998, profits slipped 2.2 percent, the first drop since 1989, when profits fell 4.8 percent in a precursor to the 1990-91 recession.

Profits are being pinched by the com-bination of increasing labor costs and the inability of manufacturing furns to raise prices in the face of stiff price competition from imports produced in countries with devalued currencies.

A price index tied to the gross domestic product rose just 1 percent in 1998. There has not been a rate that low since 1959 when it was also I percent, and there has not been one lower since

Nevertheless, Wall Street remains undaunted. The Dow Jones average of industrial average broke the 10,000 barrier for the first time on Monday, but since then stocks have fallen back slightly, (Page 14).

Labor costs are increasing because the long expansion, which began its ninth year in March, reduced the unemploy-

ment rate to a 29-year low last year. Plentiful jobs and surging stock prices have been the principal fuel of the growth in consumer spending, which represents about two-thirds of economic

activity. It rose at a 5 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate in the fourth quarter and 4.9 percent for all of 1998, the most

in 14 years.

In addition to wages, consumers spent some of their stock gains and tapped their bome equity in a wave of refinancing last year after mortgage

rates fell to three-decade lows. That, in turn, has shown up as a big drop in the nation's savings rate.

Also contributing to economic growth were business investment in computers and other new equipment, np 16.5 percent last year, and housing construction. up 10.4 percent, the most since 1984.

Overseas economic turmoll, bowever, allowed U.S. exports to increase only 1.5 percent, while imports shot up 10.6 percent.

That hurt export-dependent indus-tries, particularly the food industry, which suffered heavy losses. Other sectors with profit declines include fabricated metal products, petroleum and coal, communications and transporta-(AP, Bloomberg)

Number-Crunching Trouble

Turf Wars Sour Hopes for Global Accounting Rules

By David Ignatius

ASHINGTON - After the filand, South Korea, Indonesia, Russia and Brazil - all closure that understated how serious problems were - you might think it would be relatively simple to get the world's accountants to agree on a set of global ac- ket meltdowns.

counting standards. But you would be wrong. Nothing in this world is simple. Even the accountants have turf wars and bureaucratic battles that slow

the path to reform.

In a world wracked by wars and tumults, the battle over accounting standards obvibusly is not the sexiest issue around. And for that reason, it has not received much attention. But it should, because reliable, high-quality accounting is one of the few safe-

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guards against future financial disasters. At the center of the accounting dispute, as with several other recent financial quarrels, is a standoff between a confident United States and a wary rest-of-the-world. American accountants believe, with good reason, that U.S. accounting standards are the world's best, and they would like to see

the rest of the world come their way. But Europeans do not want to knuckle under to what they see as an American power grab. So they are pushing their own

set of international standards. This accounting bottleneck is unfortunate. For if there was one thing the financial world seemed to ngree on after the Asian financial crisis, it was the need for more reliable data, so that investors and regplators could make sound judgments about the stability of international markets.

This need for more "disclosure and transparency" was repeated like a mantra by top financial officials. The U.S. Treasury secretary, Robert Rubin, and the chairman nancial convulsions in Thai- of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan, might not have a master plan for a new financial architecture, it was said, but the triggered in part by shoddy financial dis- definitely agreed on the argency of bette accounting standards. Only with reliab could the world hope to escape future m

But two sets of standards compete attention. One is the U.S. "generally accepted accounting principles," the others a new set of international standards just completed by a group called the Infra-tional Accounting Standards Committee, or

The IASC, which met in Washigton earlier this month, hopes to drum up apport for its international standards as a ind of accounting lingua franca. The grop's director, Sir Bryan Carsberg, warns the if the United States insists on the primary of its standards, the rest of the world we bolt.

"The European desire to set upour own standards is now very strong, he says. "Once that bappens, it's very half to bring

The trouble is that American experts think some of Sir Brian's international stan-dards are not very good, and the don't trust the IASC to administer thee fairly and independently.

We believe the IASC is a politicized body," says Edmund Jenkinshine chairman of the Financial Accounting Standards Board, which sets U.S. anding rules. He warms that some of these wold-be standard setters are not independed of their gov-

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Euopean Cross Rates

LTCM Manages a Rebound

By Joseph Kahn New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Long-Term Capital Management LP, the giant hedge fund that than 20 percent after paying Wall Street firms saved from management fees, a recovery collapse during the turnoil in the consortium said was stock and bond markets last faster than anticipated. September, has recovered robustly and plans to start pay- bond markets in which Longing back its rescuers as early as June.

banks and brokerage firms the capital invested by the that controls Long-Term consortium in the second half Capital said Tuesday that the of this year, the consortium fund was much less risky now said in a published statement. than it was six months ago.

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goals that are not always comdid not define how risk was

Even so, the consortium said, Long-Term Capital's investments bave gained more

Barring a downturn in the Term Capital has large investment positions, the hedge The consortium of 14 fund will return at least part of

People close to the fund having reduced its market said it was possible that conrisk by 50 percent, although it sortium members, which invested between \$100 million and \$300 million apiece, could receive all of their money within a year or so, rather than the three years initially anticipated.

The announcement confirmed earlier reports of a turnaround in the hedge fund's fortunes. Bond marded from the lows they reached last antumn after Russia's debt default sent global bond markets, and Long-Term Capital's portfo-

lio, tumbling. Many Wall Street companies and other investors who specialize in bond investments have posted big profits

markets but reduces potential gains when things go well. People close to Long-Term Capital said its total assets and liabilities bad been reduced, but they declined to provide specific figures. When the hedge fund foundered last fall, it held securities valued at \$120 billion.

plementary. Reducing risk generally means borrowing

less money and buying se-curities judged less likely to

swing sharply in price. That

helps protect the fund in down

The news about Long-Term Capital seems likely to bolster the efforts of its founding partners, led by the former Salomon Brothers bond trader John Meriwether, to prepare the hedge fund for a future without Wall Street patrons. Mr. Meriwether plans to

raise fresb capital from private investors as soon as possible. people close to the fund said. He is eager to wind down his affiliation with the consortikets generally have reboun- um, whose six-man team oversees the fund.

The consortium consists of large banks and brokerage houses, including Chase Manhattan Corp., Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. and Merrill Lynch & Co.

People close to the consortium said that by June the members would decide how much money to withdraw from Long-Term Capital and recovery is noteworthy be whether to give Mr. Mericause it made sizable gains wether permission to raise even while reducing risk, two money from other sources.



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But Long-Term Capital's

NEW YORK- Stocks were mixed Wed-

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tinuing strength vived concerns about interest

"The major issigiving stocks the jitters is the first-quarter profitcutlook," said Jack Shangh-

nessy, chief invernent strategist at Advest.
"What we want toee out of the way are the

the market as money anagers bought stocks to

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stocks in the quarterly gures, so they're buying

Internet shares and usit the declines in various

tech stocks as buying portunities," said Gil Knight, a manager at Alid Investment Advisors

Broader stock indicatorumed mixed after a

'Money managers nd to want to show good

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Inc. in Baltimore.

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Very briefly:

 Canada's gross domestic product expanded for the sixth consecutive month, climbing 0.2 percent because of strong lower rates further if inflation con-U.S. demand for exports and increased retail spending, government figures showed.

China will soon approve the U.S. mobile-telephone technology known as code-division multiple access, Commerce Secretary William Daley said after a meeting with Prime Minister Zhu Rongji.

• Favorite Brands International Inc. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection after reporting weak sales and problems integrating newly acquired businesses. The company listed \$805 million in assets and \$699 million in liabilities. • Ford Motor Co. plans to invest \$3 billion in Brazil over the next free years to firm up its grip on Latin America's largest auto market, the local news agency Agencia Estado reported. Ford do Brasil said it could not immediately confirm the report. • Moog Inc., a maker of aerospace control systems and components, signed two long-term agreements valued at about \$1 billion with Boeing Co.

•BP Amoco PLC's board approved a plan to acquire Atlantic Richfield Co. for as much as \$28 billion. Atlantic Richfield's board is to vote later on the buyout.

• Telecom Italia SpA paid \$246 million to take control of two Brazilian companies, Tele Celular Sul Participacoes SA and Tele Nordeste Celular Participacoes SA, that together control nine mobile telephone operators. Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters, AP

To Our Readers

Because of the seven-bour time difference between New York and Paris this week, the U.S. stock tables, the U.S. early or previous day's prices, as noted. This change is necessary to meet distribution requirements.

We will revert to our usual coverage oext week, when pected further cuts soon.

futures and some other financial data in this edition reflect

daylight saving time begins in North America.

IMF Salutes WaliStreet Mixed on End-of-Quarter Trading Brazil's Cut In Inflation

WASHINGTON - Brazil has more than met its spending promises to the International Monetary Fund and inflation is coming in lower than expected, the Fund's first deputy managing director. Stanley Fischer, said Wednesday.

He made his comments after the IMF approved a \$4.9 billion payment from its loan to Brazil on Tuesday. He added that bilateral donors would contribute a further \$4.9 billion. The IMF also welcomed Brazil's new and stronger economic policies and said the firm implementation of a 56.61 points at 9,856.65in late trading, after program of economic reforms remained the key to success.

"Brazil met fiscal targets for the last quarter of 1998 and appears to be on track—better than on track—for the first quarter of 1999," Mr. Fischer said. "Inflation rates are coming in a little lower than expected."

The new lending is part of the \$41.5 billion package to Latin America's largest economy.

Mr. Fischer said that Brazil, which is already nudging interests rates down, would have room to tinned to decline.

Brazilian stocks, meanwhile, fell 3 percent in late trading as concern over a possible investigation into the country's banking system offset ex-pectations of further interest rate cuts, which would reduce company borrowing costs. The Bovespa in-dex of 57 leading shares fell 328.90 points to 10,698.68 in late trading. Dollar Drops Against Yen on Year-End Selling

nies sold the U.S. currency as the brought borne overseas profits for the end offapan's fiscal "It's not over," said Russ LaSala, manager of spot trading at Citibank. Demanto sell dollars before the end of the year was "stillery heavy," he said, and the dollar-yen rate could test

118.10 yen. On the last day of the Japanese fisal year, the dollar was quoted at 119.025 yen in he trading, down from 120.250 yen Tuesday in Nw York.

This week, Japanese exporters sci dollars

near the 120-yen level because manjof them

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central bank, said Tuesday that the packae of

foreign relief loans together with econom re-forms being implemented by the government

of the economy beginning later this year."

The International Monetary Fund's 1st

deputy managing director, Stanley Fischer, sd

last week that an upturn in economic activityn Indonesia could start in the second half of 199,

although be cautioned that considerable risks str

will provide the basis for a sustained recogy

made business plans for the aix-month period that ended Wednesday on the assumption that the U.S. currency would buy 120 yen or more. NEW YORK - The dollar sclined sharply against the yen Wednesday as Janese compa-

Advancing issues edged past decliners 1,463

Stocks came under pressure after prices fell

U.S. STOCKS

and yields rose in the bond market in response to

sociation of Chicago. The report, which showed

that the manufacturing sector in that region

strengthened during March, is considered a pre-cursor of the national purchasing managers' re-

The purchasers' robust report came after the

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell

Commerce Department reported that the gross

domestic product surged in the fourth quarter of

16/32 to 94 19/32, taking the yield up to 5.63

Philip Morris, a Dow component, feli 3 1/16 to 34 11/16, after a legal setback. The decline was

percent from 5.58 percent Tuesday.

The last day of thquarter added volatility to a report from the Purchasing Management As-

firm opening but were stilbuoyed by a strong performance in technology ares. The Standard attributed to a ruling by an Oregon jury that

port due out Thursday.

to 1,435 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The dollar's losses against the yen also took it lower against the euro, with the single European

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currency quoted at \$1.0755, np from \$1.0717. Despite the dollar's weakness against the euro Wednesday, the euro has been declining substantially in previous weeks against the dollar.

Europe's single currency has weakened almost 10 percent from its high on its first day of trading In other trading, the dollar was quoted at At a private forum about the euro's impact 1.4828 Swiss francs, down from 1.4903 francs.

sponsored by the daily Yomiuri Shimbun. Eisnke Sakakibara, Japan's deputy finance minister for international affairs, said the euro's weakness against the dollar should not be viewed as a

"Tobacco earnings are going to be clouded by

these enormous awards for some time to come,

said Marco Vandenbroek, a manager at F Vant

Lanschot Bankiers in Hertogenbosch, the Neth-

erlands. "We're not interested in these stocks

PanAmSat tumbled 614, or 17 percent, to 31 1/8

after the biggest commercial-satellite operator said sales in 2000 would be \$100 million less than

Pepsi Bottling Group fell 1 to 22, amid weak

forecast, the latest misstep in the fledgling in-

demand for the initial public offering. PepsiCo.

which fell 1 to 38%, spun off the bottling group in

an initial public offering of 100 million shares priced at \$23 each.

Guidant, a maker of beart-rhythm manage.

ment devices, fell 21/4 to 59 /4 after the company

confirmed it was recalling some of its pace-

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problem for Europe. "It's not problematic at all," Mr. Sakakibara said. "The market has priced in that Europe will

lower interest rates, and that's a plus for Euroland. The pound was little changed against the dollar as speculation persisted that the Bank of England

would act to buoy growth by lowering interest rates as soon as next week. The pound was quoted at \$1.6120, down from \$1.6121.

Canada Lowers **Key Bank Rate**

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

TORONTO - The Canadian central bank lowered its key interest rate by a quarter of a percentage point Wednesday to 5 percent, citing low inflation in Canada and calmer financial markets.

The Bank of Canada's rate cut had been expected since the country's main inflation rate fell below the central bank's target band of 1 percent to

3 percent in February It was the fourth cut in the benchmark interest rate, which is known as the bank rate, in the past seven months. Some analysts said they ex-

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(AP, Bloomberg)

system would also need to be "carried decisively forward within the next two months."

The Indonesian government announced in March that it would close down 38 domestic private banks, nationalize seven, inject money into nine and let 73 relatively bealthy banks continue operations.

It promised to complete the recapitalization recovery," S&P said, process for the nine banks by June 30. But some Reflecting the conce analysts are concerned that a new audit of the banks for the year to March 1999 will reveal a the IMF was releasing \$460 million to Indonesia andit for the year to March 1998.

forcefully and bankruptcy laws made consistent tion.

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INDONESIA: Postive Signs in Economy Are Reported by Standard & Poor's Mr. Fischer added that the recently announced restructuring program would give the govern-program to restructure the Indonesian banking ment control of 80 percent of the domestic banking system, while recapitalization would cost about 35 percent of Indonesia's 1998 gross domestic product.

"With corporate restructuring still embryonic, bank restructuring alone will not restore credit flows to the private sector, and working capital bottlenecks will continue to delay real economic

Reflecting the concerns of many investors and economists in Indonesia, it said that upcoming elections might lead to policy paralysis, another He made his comments as be announced that much worse bad-debt situation than the previous balance of payments crisis, and debt defaults. In a recent assessment, the World Bank said it

and would increase its loan total by a further \$1 As a result, some of the major bank sharebillion to \$12.3 billion. He said that corporate holders may be unable or unwilling to pay their

1 percent in 1999-2000 before expanding 3 perrestructuring needed to be implemented more igreed share of 20 percept of the recapitaliz- cent the following year as a revived agricultural sector, which provides many of the country's Standard & Poor's said Wednesday that the exports, helped fuel a recovery.

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SCENE: Accounting Standoff Continued from Page 13 Mr. Levitt says he wants

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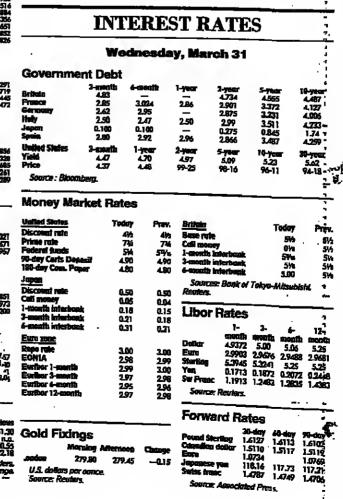
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Resolving this stalemate and restate their results from will not be easy. American the time the error first oc- accountants are right to insist curred. The IASC standard that quality comes first. But makes such a retroactive re- they need to realize that European finance officials increasingly resent what they Arthur Levitt, chairman of the regard as American dominance and probably will not Commission. Over the next buy into an accounting regime that is labeled "Made in

Mr. Levitt says the answer is to proselytize all the harder the agency say that in a few for the tough rules that make cases, such as the rules for U.S. markets work so effifor the tough rules that make

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DaimlerChrysler Sees 4% Profit Rise for 1999

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a further 31.25 cents to \$64.75 in late trading in

New York, adding about \$5 hillion to Bristol-

Myers' market capitalization, in response to re-

ports about merger talks in Loodon newspapers.
Glaxo shares rose 81 pence to close at £20.67

Bristol-Myers and Glazo executives declined

to comment on the speculation, Bristol-Myers'

uncertain management situation helped feed mer-

ger speculation. That company's chief executive, Charles Heimhold, was paid \$22 million in stock

last year to stay with the company through the end

After having risen a total of 8.8 percent on

Sales rose in all of the company's predicted that revenue and operating divisions, management said at a profit for all of 1999 would rise at news conference at Stuttgart, where it is based. In releasing the projections, ex-ecutives sought to play down trans-

Revenue is expected to rise at least 4 percent over the record level Atlantic culture clashes in the com- in 1998, and Mr. Schrempp said pany formed hy last year's takeover growth in operating profit "will def-of Chrysler Corp. by Daimler-Benz initely match sales growth."

Due to economic stability on both sides of the Atlantic, we are confident of continued success in 1999, despite some tough chal-lenges around the rest of the world," Robert Eaton of Chrysler, said the said Mr. Eaton, who headed companies were working well to-Chrysler before the merger.

Using Europe's new single currency, the company said reveoue for 1999 was expected to climh to 137 billion euros (\$147 billion) from

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STUTTGART — Daimler
Daimler-Chrysler AG reported Wednesday lion of merger-related savings car and truck division, which in- Eaton. cludes Plymouth, Jeep and Dodge. Chrysler's contribution was \$4.9

DaimlerChrysler steady expansion for all of its acrivities, particularly in the key markets of Western Eorope and North America.

Mr. Schrempp added that while DairnlerChrysler was not happy for now with the sales of its new Smart microcompact car, it still supported the idea. But while husiness operations are merging at a "great pace," Mr. Schrempp said, "the human inte-gration, that's a process that's going

take into consideration human feel-Those difficulties were partly responsible for DaimlerChrysler's decision this month not to buy into

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"We need to focus on making sure our merger is successful," Mr. Eaton said.

Joint projects already are under way in areas such as sales and marketing and in combined financial service. The Mercedes M-Class offroad vehicle, which is built in the United States, begins European production in May at Chrysler's Jeep

plant in Graz, Austria. But there also have been defections of Chrysler executives to General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co., with some reports suggesting the Americans felt Germans were

being favored.
"When you have a management team as attractive as we have, you always have people trying to lure them away." Mr. Eaton said. "I'm oot concerned at all."

(AP, Bridge News)

Glaxo and Bristol-Myers Shares Gain

of 2001. Although Mr. Heimbold has turned 65. LONDON — Shares of the drugmakers Glaxo Wellcome PLC of Britain and Bristol-Myers Bristol-Myers has not found a successor. "Charlie is retiring in two years," said Viren Squish Co. of the United States rose again Wednesday on continued speculation that they would Mehta, an analyst with Mehta Partners. "It makes it easier to cootemplate someooe else

becoming a CEO."

Bristol-Myers last year announced management changes that analysts described as a com-Monday and Tuesday, Bristol-Myers shares rose petition to find a new chief executive within the

> Three executives were appointed to posts where they will probably spend more time with Bristol-Myers hoard members.

These were Peter Dolan, who has responsibility for organizational effectiveness; Peter Ringrose, who leads Bristol-Myers research, and Stephen Sadove, president of the worldwide beauty and nutritional unit.

Mr. Sadove's unit has boosted sales of key products, such as Herbal Essences shampoos. (Bloomberg, Reuters) wage difficult to live with.

Britain Set To Raise Wage Grid

LONDON - Almost 2 million of Britain's poorest workers will see a small increase in their weekly pay packets on Thursday as Britain ad-

opts a national minimum wage. The government hopes the policy, along with its new working families' tax credit and historically low 10 percent starting rate of income tax, will lift at least some Britons from the trap of poverty.

But will it really be that simple? Will the minimum wage prove a cure for poverty, or a crude, counterproductive government control that smacks of the traditional socialist Labour Party of old?

The danger, say the free-market economists, is that as the price of work rises, demand for it will de-The independent think tank Busi-

ness Strategies estimates that up to 80,000 jobs will disappear over the next three years. But, counter the interventionists,

at £3.60 an hour, the wage floor is low ecough to prevent mass job losses but high enough to make a difference to those at the bottom of the income scale. The rate will be £3 for those between 18 and 21.

The minimum wage is a key plank of the Labour Party's determination to get Britons off welfare. Its introduction, which brings Britain's wage policy into line with most other industrialized countries, has been relatively trouble free. John Philpott, a director at the

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Employment Policy Institute, estimates that 200,000 or so small companies will find the minimum

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Very briefly:

• French unemployment rose in February, as companies scaled back hiring because of slowing economic growth and falling exports. The jobless rate rose to 11.5 percent, the first increase since unemployment rose to a record in June 1997.

• Deutsche Bank AG plans to slash the number of employees at its Frankfurt headquarters by nearly two-thirds, to 700. ING Groep NV's net profit rose 21 percent in 1998 to 5.88 billion guilders (\$2.87 billion), but the company said it could

not give a concrete profit forecast for 1999. · Giancario Parretti, the former president of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc., was sentenced in absentia by a French court to four years in jail and fined 1 million francs (\$163.9 million). on corruption charges.

 Bonygues SA, Europe's largest construction company, plans to sell shares to the public in its Bouygues Telecom unit World Trade Organization delegates agreed to delay naming a new director-general until next week amid disagreement, over leading candidates.

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Backlash From the 'Dot-Com' Craze: Pepsi Bottler's Debut Could Be Flat

By Edward Wyatt New York Times Service

NEW YORK - In another Cola Co. that its sales, measenvironment, the initial pub- ured in cases, took an uolic offering of Pepsi Bottling expected drop in the first fering by an American cor-Group might be one of the quarter, and the result could hottest stock deals of the year, be a tepid reception for the rities Data Corp.

Several beverage companies meant a gain for Pepsi.

Tuesday after the Coca-Cola To addition, the only area in cent of its sales volume. hottest stock deals of the year, be a tepid reception for the rities Data Corp.

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And if Pepsi Bottling ex-

tunity to expand abroad. ings by companies lacking Tuesday.

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"dot-com" in their oames. Add to that the annouocemeot late Monday by Coca-

But in the era of the In-ternet, investors have been tails of its long-awaited seprather uninterested in offer- aration from PepsiCo Inc. late

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driven by an international brand name and a consumer franchise with great oppor- largest manufacturer, distrib- additional 15 million shares third on that list,

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news, with Coke shares fall- which Coca-Cola eked out a measured in cases, comes Coke and Coca-Cola Entering \$1.5625 to close at sales gain in the first quarter from Spain, Greece and Rus-\$63.50. Shares of PepsiCo, was North America, meaning sia. None of those countries given that a number of anautor and seller of Pepsi-Cola under its overallotment which after the offering will beverages, provided the declause, it could rise as high as tails of its long-awaited septiation of the lottler base of the

> Shares of Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc., Coke's largest hottler and the company whose structure most closely

It is selling 100 million shares of common stock for shares of common stock for \$23 a share, raising \$2.3 billion before expenses — the lion before expenses — the fifth-largest initial public offering by an American cor
**The selling 100 million \$26 a share that the company tween Coca-Cola's weakness and PepsiCo's largest bottler. Roy Burry, an analyst at Standard & Poor's analyst at Standard & Poor's equity group. Pepsi Bottling could still see some weakness of market share presumably in the small part of its basic part of its basic in the small part of its basic part of its ba

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Some analysts played "It's tough to look at that at the midpoint of the prodown any connection be- Coke's volume numbers and jected price range, Pepsi Bothelp the company's profit fering has some appeal.

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But the offering will give Bortling's case volume is sold lower valuation than Cocain North America, and the Cola Enterprises. Standard & Poor's, in its operations and to continue an overhaul of its manufacturing

Investors should not expect the shares, which began trad-

ing Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange underthe symbol PBG, to replicate the sharp rise posted by recent. offerings such including that of Priceline.com, which rose \$53 on its first day of trading Tuesday to close at \$69. (See article below.)

Neither is it preordained, though, that Pepsi Bouling. will draw as little interest as did the February offering of Del Monte Foods, which went public at \$15 a share and closed Tuesday at \$11.75. Investors with long-term horizons, and a thirst for Pepsiover Coke, might find the of-

Priceline IPO Takes Internet Mania to a New High

By Saul Hansell

YORK

William Shatner as its pitchman, saw its stock price fly off to a distant galaxy in its

first day of trading Tuesday. Priceline's shares soared

Internet company.

Stanley, the lead underwriter, customers name the price and marketing than it has genfrom doubling the proposed they want to pay for a trip to a erated in revenue. Priceline.com Inc., the Web price to give the company a certain city, for a certain mod-site that hired Star Trek's value of \$2.3 billion in the el car and so on. offering of 10 million shares. The stock market has accorded Jay Walker, Priceline's the customer wants at the spefounder, paper wealth of \$4.3 cified price, the customer is billion. Mr. Walker's previcommitted to huying it.

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Priceline tried to make the ous claim to fame was that he started Newsuh, which sells

magazine subscriptions in credit-card bills.

"It doesn't matter what of other things. these companies do or how Priceline, which lost \$114 Simons, who runs Digital million last year selling \$35 Video Investments. "Each million of airline tickets, is new Internet IPO is nothing now worth more than UAL more than red meat to the mad

If Priceline can find constraint has been the unsomeooe willing to sell what willingness of major airlines

ness model," said Peony so onerous that it would not Kao, an analyst with Reoais- attract high-margin business sance Capital, which runs a travelers. For example, buy-The offering comes amid a mutual fund that invests in

> growth, as its revenue is expected to increase fivefold Northwest and Delta Air

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shares of the company's
Like most Internet compastock, a stake worth \$1.3 bil-

But the nature of its busi-ness adds risks. Its biggest "We like Priceline's hosiers must be willing to fly at Priceline hopes to make ap buying frenzy in the shares of initial public offerings. "It any time of day on any airline some of those losses selling" nearly any company involved can be expanded from airline and to accept at least one credit cards and other in the Internet.

can be expanded from airline and to accept at least one credit cards and other tickets to loans, cars and a lot change of planes. Even so, products to people while they they are priced," said David pressed with Priceline's lines sold tickets through the moves may not be enough. service at first. Last autumn,

"We are unlikely to make significant profits unless we

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from an offering price of \$16 a share on the Nasdaq market to a high of \$85 before closing at \$69, a more than fourfold increase. That gives the company, which lets consumers bid on airline tickets, cars and other items, a market value of in the Internet. 59.8 billion, the highest firstday value ever achieved by an

Corp.'s United Airlines, Continental Airlines Inc. and Northwest Alrlines combined. praised the company for its remains to be seen."

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Ms. Kao said she was imInc. and America West Air-

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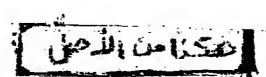
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That did not stop Morgan
Inne calls itself a "demand nies, Priceline has spent far collection system," in which nanley, the lead underwriter, customers name the price and marketing than it has gen-Even with the addition of

these airlines, Priceline was only able to sell about 25 per- ().) cent of what it termed "reasonable bids," which it defines as those no more than 30 percent less than the lowest fare for a particular route. And to satisfy even that many customers, it has had to sell many of its tickets for prices below what it pays the airlines. are hidding, but its prospectus indicates that even these

make new or complementary products and services and a: products and services available through the Priceline service," the company said.

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Japan Turns Tables and Says U.S. Breaks WTO Rules Investors Asia

TOKYO — Japan turned the tables on the United States on Wednesday by issuing a report that accused Washington of flouting the rules of the World Trade Organization

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The annual report from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said U.S. anti-dumping leg-

HONG KONG - Guangdong In-

government listed its stock on the

Hong Kong exchange in 1991.

islation, which allows civil and penal sanctions against dumped imports, was "highly likely to be inconsistent with the WTO agreement."

It added that so-called anti-cir-cumvention measures in the United States aimed at blocking dumping "may impede legitimate trade and investment activities" and would be monitored by Tokyo.

Guangdong Investment Has Loss

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Guangdong Investment's chair-man, Zhong Guangchao, said that although 1998 was the most difficult

year of the past decade for the com-pany, 1999 'may prove equally challenging.'

The company plans to shed con-core assets such as its cement and

timber operations as part of its re-

structuring and to focus on utilities,

MITI started issuing annual reports in 1992 to counter reports critical of Japan by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. A MITI official said that, unlike the U.S. reports, the MITI reports were "based on objective WTO rules."

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The official added, "There were ongoing issues. On Washingtoo's tariffs on steel imports, but Pres-

threats of action on steel that it said was sold at unfairly low prices on the

BP Amoco Faces Setback in China

Bloomberg News BEIJING - BP Amoco PLC, the world's third-largest publicly traded oil company, said Wednesday that its plans to build a \$2.5 billion ethylene plant in China face an indefinite delay because authorities show no

signs of approving the project. The complex was to be built in Finshan in a 50-50 joint veoture with Sbanghai Petrochemical Co.

'It usually takes half a year between submitting the proposal to getting it approved. We have already exceeded that," said Yi Ming, BP Amoco China's public affairs manager.

According to an executive for Shanghai Petrochemical, authorities have "suspended" five other joint ventures as China restructures its loss-making state enterprises and restricts overseas borrowing. This has bappened even as anthorities push local pil companies to upgrade their existing ethylene plants to cope with an expected increase in demand for the product, a raw material used in making plastics.

approved a bill that would impose tariffs on steel imports, but President Bill Clinton's administration has said the president would veto it if it passed the Senate because he believes it violates international

trade rules. Nonetheless, Mr. Clintoo has vowed that the United States will respond if Japanese steel imports do not reverse the surge seen last year and recede to 1997 levels.

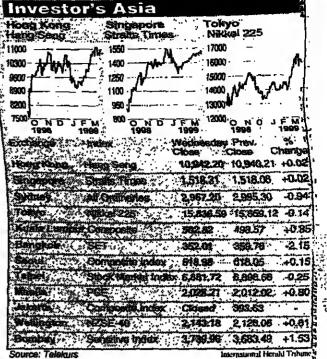
The MITI report attacks the 1916 U.S. anti-dumping law probably in violating WTO rules. "We will seek at the WTO to beve the law brought into compliance with the agreement." the report said.

Japan's steel exports to the United States began falling sharply in December, and Tokyo forecasts that they will decline roughly to 1997 levels in the fiscal year starting Thursday as a natural result of slow-

ing U.S. demand.
The Japanese Steel Federation said Wednesday that Japanese steel exports fell in February for the first time in 25 months as shipments to the United States declined sharply. Steel exports totaled 1.73 million metric tons in February, down 13.3 percent from a year ago, said the federation spokesman, Yoshihisa Hino.

Steel exports to the United States plummeted 51.1 percent to 215,000 metric tons for the third straight

monthly decline. The MITI report also criticized Washington's recently revived "Super 301" trade law provisioo, which empowers the government to retaliate unilaterally if it judges other countries' practices to be unfair.



Very briefly:

South Korea's financial supervisors warned that the government would step in to restructure the country's investment trust companies beginning in July 2000. Lee Hun Jai, head of the Financial Supervisory Commission, said the restructuring-would follow an order for the companies to gradually reduce: comperforming assets.

• Japan's prefectural and city governments hold a fast-grow ing mountain of debt that already exceeds 52.3 trillion yen-(\$434.9 billion), or 10.5 percent of Japan's total gross domestic product, Moody's Investors Service Inc. said.

· Mazda Motor Corp. and Ford Motor Co. will jointly develop environmentally friendly engines for small cars, the daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun said, without citing sources.

 Malaysia's gross domestic product is expected to expand by 1 percent this year, the central bank said in its annual economic report. The growth projection assumes that international pe-AFP, Bloomberg, AP troleum prices will stay constant.

March 31, 1999

The loss, after a profit of 750.3 idated net liabilities totaled about million dollars in 1997, underlines the troubles faced by so-called redinfrastructure, property and hotels. Guangdong Investment said fi-nancial difficulties faced by related chip companies since Guangdong Inbillion dollars. Analysts said the loss companies had affected its operaternational Trust & Investment Corp. was within expectations, and shares tions by shaking the confidence of its bankers. (Reuters, Bloomberg) defaulted on an international bond in Guangdong Investment rose 2 payment and was closed down in cents to close at 1.34 dollars.

Nippon Steel and Hitachi each

own 35 percent of Hitachi Nippon

Steel Semiconductor, with the rest

held by the Economic Development

Board of Singapore.

Nippon Steel to Give Up Role in Chip Venture TOKYO - Nippon Steel Corp. said Wednesday it would hand con- cent stake io the Singapore venture trol of its computer memory-chip joint venture in Singapore to Hitachi into nonvoting stock, leaving Hitachi in control. Ltd. all but abandoniog its five-anda-half-year venture into microchips.

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Hitachi will try to quadruple production capacity of 64-megabit dynamic random-access memory chips at the Singapore facilities to 8 million a month by the end of 1999, the Nihon Keizai newspaper reported, without citing sources.

The company will spend between remaining chip business.

in its domestic chip venture last 20 billion and 30 billion yen (\$166 September, will convert its 35 per- million and \$249 million) to upgrade the factory so it can produce by March 2001 about 30,000 silicon wafers a month, compared with 20,000 at present, the report said. Computer chips are cut from such wafers.

> The Singapore veoture, which makes the D-RAMs that are used as main memory chips in personal computers, is Nippon Steel's last

Nippoo Steel, which sold its stake (AFP, Reuters) INTERNATIONAL FUNDS Advertisement For information please contact, Lyora Raab: Fax (33-1) 41 43 92 12 or o-mail: funds@ist.com To receive free daily quotations for your funds subscribe at: e-funds@iht.com d NS Albard International Fd

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WORLD ROUNDUP What Makes a School Great? A Great Basketball Team

Samaranch Declines U.S. Senate Invitation

OLYMPICS Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, declined a U.S. Senate invitation to testify on how the committee is dealing with its corruption scandal, a move one congressional leader said did little to lift the "dark cloud" over the Games.

Samaranch told the Senate Commerce Committee that he was unable to attend hearings April 14 on the Salt Lake City bribery case. He gave oo reason for refusing and said he hoped Anita DeFrantz, an American IOC vice president, would be allowed to take his place.

Also Tuesday, sponsors met with Olympic officials to hear about reforms and ask for "concessions for damage" from the scandal, (AP)

British Sprinter Banned

ATHLETICS Dougie Walker, a Scot who is the European 200-meter champion, was banned for two years Wednesday. He tested positive for the steroid nandrolooe in (Reuters)

Winger Evans Retires

RUGBY UNION leuan Evans, the Wales winger, said Wednesday he was retiring. Evans, 35, scored 33 tries in 72 games for Wales and captained the team a record 28 times. He has been troubled by in-incies for 14 mooths. (AP) juries for 14 mooths.

NCAA Final Ratings Fall

BASKETBALL The NCAA men's final drew the lowest U.S. ratings since the CBS network began carrying it in 1982. Connecticut's victory over Duke on Monday posted a 17.2 rating.

The women's final, between Purdue and Duke, recorded a 4.3 cable rating, the biggest in the four years ESPN has shown it (AP)

Sports Flee the Balkans

The match between Croatia and the United States in the Fed Cup, a women's team tennis event, on April 17-18 is being moved from Croatia to the United States because of NATO air strikes in Kosovo.

• The world governing body of volleyball withdrew the Yugoslav team from the World League. Yugoslavia's home games were set for Belgrade and Novi Sad, two targets of NATO air strikes. (AP)

It's been a while since the Edmonton Gilers and Calgary Flames have played

each other for something significant at

this time of the season. This year is

The Flames lead the Oilers by one

point for the eighth playoff spot in the National Hockey League's Western

NHL ROUNDUP

Conference. They went ooe up on their Alberta provincial rival with a 3-3 tie

against Colorado on Tuesday, while Ed-

monton was losing to Phoenix. With

eight games remaining, the Flames and Oilers will face each other three times.

In Denver, Theo Fleury, facing Cal-

eary for the first time since being traded

to Colorado, had a goal and an assist

Coyotes 7, Oilors 4 Robert Reichel had

two goals and an assist and Keith

Tkachuk notched four assists as Phoenix

matched a franchise record with six first-

period goals in its victory in Edmooton.

against his former team.

different.

By Mike Allen New York Tunes Service

TORRS, Connecticut — Six years ago, after enduring yet another round of frustrating negotiations to get more money from the state legislature, Harry Hartley, then the president of the University of Connecticut, declared facetiously that he wanted to turn UConn into a prison because "that's the only way

1 see to get assured of funding."
Ultimately, however, Hartley and his successor found another way to achieve that goal: basketball.

Capitalizing oo the success of both the men's and women's teams, which cultrainated Mooday night with the Huskies' victory in the national meo's final, university officials have managed to secure \$1 billion from the legislature, lure prize professors and attract a surge of applications from prospective students.
"How does athletics help?" Hartley,

oow an education professor, asked Tuesday as the campus throbbed with Husky fever. "Let me count the billion ways." And while a string of powerhouse basketball teams over recent years, in-

cluding a national champion women's team in 1995, has give oUConn a taste of the riches and recognition that come

17 million homes, has the university's officials dreaming even higger.

'UConn has been a serious academic institution for many decades, but athletics has enabled as to grow exponentially," said its president, Philip Austin. "It helps us recruit students, enhances our ability to sell our program to the state legislature and energizes alumni and others who might be called on for phil-

anthropic support."
University officials say they can already measure the benefits of having

strong teams: • Donations have increased from \$6 million five years ago to \$20 million last year and an expected \$25 million this year. Over those five years, thanks to donations and a strong stock market, the assets of the school's foundation grew from \$50 million to \$175 million.

·Campos tours for prospective studeots increased from 9,000 at this time last year to 12,000 so far this year. The oumber of applications has ris-

eo 14 percent in the last year.
• Since 1995, 97 construction and renovation projects bave been com-pleted, and 51 are under way.

The glow of mounting respect added

tutions can profit from a burst of television exposure for its teams. In 1996, after Northwestern University enjoyed a for construction and renovation.

Cinderella football season and made it to Kevin Sullivan, the Senate pr the Rose Bowl, the admissions office had to print more applications and add

phone lines.

dents stayed up all night, some singing

University administrators have a

Even the nation's best-known insti-

"It seems funny to say that sports validates an institution for a student who wants to major in science or music, but students want to go to a school that people are talking about, 'said Rebecca Dixon, Northwestern's associate provost for university enrollment. "It may be subliminal, but it is real."

And that is exactly what has happened

with sports success, the upset of top-ranked Duke University, seen in about many of the 15,000 undergraduate stu-many of the 15,000 undergraduate stu-many of the 15,000 undergraduate stuschool marooned in the hills of eastern

pep rally with the winning score from the championship game, 77 to 74, displayed in lights on each wall players became lobbyists, traveling to Hartford, the state capital, to tell law-makers about how difficult it was to name for the spinoff benefit of winning recruit athletes when the library was swathed in plastic sheeting to keep the

percent increase in applications that bricks from falling.

Doug Flutic helped bring Boston College when he was a football star there in his aggressive promotion of sports, but it worked. In 1995, the year the women's team captured the national championship, the legislature voted to give the school \$100 million a year for 10 years

Kevin Sullivan, the Senate president pro tempore, said the basketball dominance was a crucial factor in winning his colleagues' support for the huge fi-

nancing program.
"I'd love to say every legislature and citizen in Connecticut was transfixed when they recruited a top physics pro-fessor from Iowa, but that just isn't the real word," Sullivan said. "It was the athletics that got people to think again about UConn in a big way.

Peter Magrath, the president of the

National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges in Washington, said that as a result UConn is winning a national reputation for rapid improvement after decades of quiet.

in a nod to the discomfort many in academia feel about the role of arhietics in a university's image, Magrathioked, "This is a great moment for the state of Connecticut to move forward and have an academic and educational program than its basketball team can be proud of."

The school is not content to stop with domination in basketball.

For several years, UConn officials have been pushing to build a bigger stadium to meet the NCAA's requirements for Division I-A, putting the university
— now Division I-AA — in the elite of
the nation's college football teams.

Now, UConn is on the verge: a main selling point of the state's plan to build a stadium for the New England Patriots in Hartford is the provision that the university use the field for home football

Proponents of the stadium, which has run into several hurdles since the legislature hlessed the plan in December, seized oo the enphoria about the Huskies as proof that a winning team would be worth the project's high price.

Lowly Warriors Again **Cut Down Trail Blazers**

a fourth-quarter rally as the Goldeo State Warriors beat the top team in the National Basketball Association.

league-best 23-6 record, but two of the

NBA ROUNDUP

losses have come in Oakland. The Warriors beat the Blazers in double overtime

Coles finished with 24 points, including 11 in the fourth quarter. Starks scored 16 points, including nine in the final period when the Warriors overcame an eight-point deficit.

Kings 104, Jazz 101 Another of the league's leaders lost in California to a

team with a losing record.

Vernon Maxwell scored 33 points and fellow reserve Predrag Stojakovic added 26 as Sacramento beat Utah in overtime. cettics 103, Hornets 99 Kenny Anderson scored 22 points and Boston shot a season-high 59 percent from the field

The line of Tkachuk, Shane Doan and

Jeremy Roenick combined for 8 points in the first period and 10 points overall.

woo in Boston to slow the Bruins' play-

off run. The loss snapped a six-game

uobeaten streak for the Bruins, who re-

to give Nashville victory. Nashville com-

pleted a two-game seasoo sweep of the Capitals in its first trip to Washington.

Senators 6, Penguine 4 Sami Salo scored three goals for his first career hat

trick as Ottawa overcame a three-goal deficit and won for the first time in Pitts-

Arena since joining the NHL in 1992.

The Associated Press

Raptors 101, Cavallers 91 Dee Brown
Bimbo Coles and John Starks sparked scored a season-high 28 points, including a team record eight 3-pointers, as

Torooto won at Cleveland. Pistons 93, Hawks 77 Grant Hill Even after losing, 93-90, oo Tuesday, scored 28 points as Detroit woo in At-the Portland Trail Blazers still have a lanta, snapping the Hawks' five-game lanta, snapping the Hawks' five-game winning streak.

olves 98, Mavericks 78 Kevin Garnett had 22 points. 9 rebounds and 8 assists as injury-plagued Minnesota beat visiting Dallas.

Magic 100, Note 98 Nick Anderson had 28 points and 10 rebounds and Horace Grant hit a haseline jumper with 16.6 seconds left as the Magic won at home. Knicks 94, Pacers 93 Patrick Ewing

and was involved in an altercation with Jalen Rose, the Pacers guard, as host New York beat Indiana. Bucks 107, Wizards 105 Ray Allen scored 25 points and Glenn Rohinson

scored 37 points, his most in two years,

scored with 3.1 seconds left as the Bucks beat the Wizards in Milwaukee. Butto 91, 70ero 81 Toni Kukoc, re-turning after missing three games with a sore back, scored 26 points against Philto snap Charlotte's eight-game home adelphia as Chicago snapped a four-winning streak. adelphia as Chicago snapped a four-game losing streak by winning at home. Spors 95, SuperSonice 87 Tim Duncan scored 26 as San Antonio beat visiting Seattle for its 14th victory in 16 games Rockets 104, Clippers 95 Michael Dickerson and Brent Price scored 19

each as Houston won in Los Angeles. Grizzios 101, Nuggets 87 Sharcef Abdur-Rahim scored 22 points as Vancouver handed Denver its 22d straight road loss. Mike Grier had two goals for the

■ Jordan in a Hornets Uniform? Kings 2, Bruins 1 Olli Jokinen scored with 1:06 left in overtime as Los Angeles

Michael Jordan is considering returning to the NBA as a player for the Charlotte Homets, The Associated Press

reported from Los Angeles.

Jordan, who retired this year after mained in the eighth and final playoff spot in the NHL's Eastern Conference.

Productors 3, Capitals 2 Scott Walker scored an unassisted goal with 3:56 left leading the Chicago Bulls to six cham-pionships, has said that he has had talks with the Homets and NBA officials about purchasing 50 percent of the team. Fox Sports News reported that he

might also play for the franchise. Fox Sports, citing anonymous sources, said Jordan, a North Carolina native, might play a full season for the Homets while his shares were held in a

burgh. The Senators were 0-13-3 at Civic trust or otherwise deferred. That scenario also woold include Phil Flyers 3, Hurricance 3 Martin Gelinas scored at 11:05 of the third period to help Jacksoo heing brought in to coach the team and the naming of Dean Smith, Carolina twice overcome two-goal deficits and gain a tie in Philadelphia. Jordan's college coach at North Carolina, as team presideot,



Manny Alexander, the Chicago Cubs shortstop, cooling off in the dugout after he hit a grand slam off Mark Gardner of the San Francisco Giants. The Cubs lost the exhibition, 10-9, on Barry Bonds' three-run bomer.

Baseball Teams Make Cuts and Trades

The Associated Press

scrambling to fill holes created by injuries and making decisions on which players to cut before their salaries become guaranteed.

Wednesday was the deadline for teams to release players on their 40-man rosters without paying their full salaries. Following a flurry of activity Tuesday. teams continued to tinker with their rosters on Wednesday. .

Cecil Fielder, who agreed last month to a minor league contract with the Blue Jays, was released, a day after Toronto acquired Dave Hollins from the Anaheim Angels.

"I guess it had to do with the Hollins trade," Fielder said as he packed his gear in the Bloe Jays' clnhhouse, "I just don't understand the change of heart by the team. I thought everything was set, but I will be OK. Life goes on."

Fielder, 35, split last season between Anabeim and the Cleveland Indians, hitting a combined .233 with 17 home runs in I17 games. He batted .264 in 17 spring training games, going I4-for-53 with two doubles, a team-high three homers.

On Tuesday, Anaheim dealt Hollins, a With the start of the major league switch-hitting infielder to Toronto for a Anaheim also found out that shortstop Gary DiSarcina will be sidelined three to four months because of his broken left forearm. Originally he was expected to return around opening day.

DiSarcina was struck by a fungo bat during batting practice on Feb. 21. A scan Monday showed that the bone had will have a plate screwed into his forearm to allow for proper healing.

Troy Glaus, the third pick overall in the 1997 amateur draft, will play third for the Angels, who also released in-fielder Andy Stankiewicz and righthanded reliever Rich DeLucia - eating DeLucia's guaranteed \$700,000 salary.

The New York Yankees traded Darren Holmes, a right-handed reliever, and about \$1 million to the Arizona Diamondbacks for pitcher Ben Ford and minor league catcher Izzy Molina. The trade will save the Yankees \$527,000 in luxury tax and reduce their major leaguehigh payroll to about \$85 million.

Arizona traded pitcher Clint Sodowsky to the St. Louis Cardinals for to the report.

another pitcher, John Frascatore-

Cleveland traded first base prospect season less than a week away, teams are minor league infielder, Tomas Perez. Mike Glavine, the younger brother of () Atlanta pitcher Tom Glavine, to the Braves for future considerations.

Also, Boston asked for unconditional release waivers on outfielder Midre Cummings, who led American League pinch-hitters with a .346 average last year. He became expendable when Boston obtained outfielder Jon Nunnally not completely healed. DiSarcina, 31, from Cincinnati last week. Cummings gets \$110,656 in termination pay instead of the \$450,000 he was awarded as a loser in salary arbitration.

■ Uniforms May Bear Ads

Major League Baseball is considering selling small patches of advertising on the uniform sleeves of its players as a new way to increase team revenue, The New York Times reported.

Baseball's tentative plan, a company official said, would probably have teams sell patches to local corporations. When revenue reached a certain level, it might be shared with other clubs.

Only tobacco, alcohol and broadcast businesses would be barred, according

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Russia Blasts 6 To Beat Andorra

Romania and Estonia Also Win

The Associated Press The Associated Press victory over Azerbaijan in a
MOSCOW — Russia Euro 2000 Group 7 qualifier in picked up its second victory in Group 4, dispatching Andorra 6-1 in a Euro 2000 qualisier Wednesday, as striker V. cimir Beschastnykh scored twice in a one-sided

motiv stadium Russia has six points in five matches in Group 4 and An-Sergei Terekhov scored twice qualifiers.

match at Moscow's Loko-

Yegor Titov opened the regor 1 to vopened the tory in a Group 4 qualifier scoring in the 8th minute on a Wednesday. free kick. Four minutes later, Beschastnykh headed in the second goal on a cross from the right from Vadim Yevseyev. Ilya Tsymbalar assisted Viktor Onopko with the third goal late in the first half and scored his own early in the second half. Beschastnykh made it 5-0 in the 63d

Second half substitute Julio Sanchez scored the only goal for Andorra in the 73d minute. Dmitri Alenichov land's Steve Lomas kicking a scored the final goal for Rus- powerful shot that Moldova sia in the last minote.

at Baku's central stadium Wednesday.

Four minutes into the second half Petre took advantage of an Azerbaijan defense mistake and kicked the ball over their goalkeeper Gusein

dorra has lost all five of its as visitors Estonia beat Lithuania for its second vic-

Mamedov.

Tereichov opened the scoring in the 49th minute and added another goal in the 77th minute. Arturas Fornenka scored for Lithuania in the 83d minute.

Moldova C, Northern Irela o In a game lacking spectacle and flair, Northern heland drew 0-0 in a Group 4 qualifier

in Moldova on Wednesday. The closest chance for a' goal came as the second half opened with Northern Ire-

goalkeeper Ivan Dinov saved. lava. Slovakia O, Hungary O Slov-



FLYING START — Amoroso, center, shooting past past Takashi Shimoda, Japan's goalie, to score Brazil's first goal as Yutaka Akita, right, a Japanese defender, closes in. Brazil beat Japan, 2-0, Wednesday in Tokyo.

the first international match the Hungarian goalkeeper.

between the two neighboring countries. Even five minutes of injury time failed to produce a winner before 22,000 fans at the

Peter Dubovsky nearly

Slovan Stadium in Bratis-

powerful shot past goalie

Ukraine 1, Iceland 1 Ukraine Birkir Kristinsson. was held to a disappointing 1-Iceland equalized in the 1 draw in a home game against 66th minote when Larus Sig-Iceland in a Group 4-qualifier urdsson deflected a powerful Wednesday. shot from outside the penalty Ukrainian

Vladyslav area into the goal. Vaschuk opened the scoring The draw gave Ukraine 11 in the 57th minote, when he Florentin Petre scored in the akia and Hungary fied 0-0 tie scored in the 10th minute, but broke through a maze of 1 deland now has 49th minute to give Romania in their Group 7 qualifier in was thwarted by Gabor Kiraly. Icelandic defenders, sending as many games. points in five games, while broke through a maze of Iceland now has nine points in

■ Brazil Downs Japan Still shaken by its first-ever loss to South Korea oo Sooday, Brazil managed to avoid further embarrassment by beating Japan, 2-0, in a friendly at Tokyo's National Stadium on Wednesday. The

from Tokyo.

Lara's 153 Spurs Team to Victory §

153 to lead the West Indies to a were eight wickets down." one-wicket victory over Aus-

tralia on the final afternooo of

the third cricket test. The West Indies, set 308 runs to win, made 311 for nine wickets Tuesday, with Lara hitting the winning boundary. for the ninth wicket with Am-Lara batted 353 minutes, hrose, a specialist bowler, faced 256 balls and hit 19

fours and a six. The West Indies leads the

four-match series, 2-1. hander, gave one chance, other specialist bowler, came dropped by Ian Healy, the in to partner Lara.

Australian wicket-keeper, on Walsh negotiated the final 145 with the West Indies on 301 for eight.

The fast bowling duo of Lara edged the first ball of Glenn McGrath and Jason McGrath's oext over just

oo a good batting surface. The West Indies started the day oo 85 for three in its second innings. It slumped to eight. But Lara said he never

cootemplated defeat, "I told myself this morn-Associated Press reported I think the other guys would Indies victory.

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados said. "So I didn't give up,
Brian Lara hit an unbeaten hope at all, even when we

Lara and fellow lefthanders Jimmy Adams and Curtly Ambrose shared the most telling stands of the day, The captain put oo 133 with Adams, who made 38, and 54 hrose, a specialist bowler, who made 12 in 82 minutes.

When Ambrose was out, the West Indies was six runs from victory and one wicket from Lara, a 29-year-old left- defeat as Courtney Walsh, an-

> four balls of Gillespie's over, including a no-ball.

Gillespie led Australia, hut wide of first slip and leg spinners Shane Warne scampered for two runs. He and Stuart MacGill were in-effective and used sparingly three balls before McGrath, trying to prevent Lara scoring, conceded a wide off the fifth ball. Lara hooked the next delivery for a single to level the 105 for five and then 248 for scores and Walsh survived the

final ball of the over. Lara then lashed the oext ball from Gillespie to the ing that if I stayed till the end, boundary to give the West

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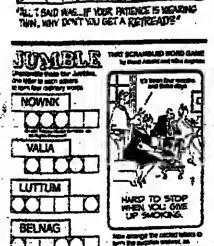
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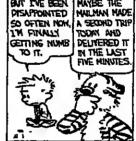






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Have Gun? Will Sue

NEW YORK — My big of Guns-R-Us, is sounding the decision this week is alarm. "The founding fathers, whether to sue the gun man-ufacturers. For the first time in history the courts have decreed that guns are a dangerous product, and if you get

bit by a bullet you can sue the gun maker. Like tobacco

victims, people are suing with the argument that guns kill kill

people. This is a hard pill for the manufacturers and importers to swallow. For years the party line danger people, do you think of the gun lovers has been that we'd make them? guns kill only squirrels, rab-bits and soup cans.

hospital fees and other de-descriptor The gun lobby has "We'll fight the anti-gun gone into high gear, trying to avoid a financial debacle such as the one afflicting the cigette producers.

Charlton Moses, president

Shakespeare's advice — and first kill all the lawyers." arette producers.

alarm. "The founding fathers, when they wrote the Second Amendment, never intended for anyone to go to court over the damage small arms could do to another person."
I asked him, "Isn't it pos-

sible that if you pump another person full of lead, the manufacturer could have some responsibility?"

"It's ridiculous. We assume that anyone who buys a gun will want it for target practice. Our other target is to provide a way for a lead pellet to stop someone from breaking into your home. If we thought that guns would en-

Now the states and cities are maintaining that guns are costing millions of dollars in becaute from and other decisions.

It was a good question. "How do you intend to prevent every state from passing a law that the citizens can ask for damages if they get hurt by a pup?"

politicians in the streets and in the air and at the polls. If that doesn't work, we will follow

A Dim View of the Profession

WASHINGTON — It's not just the public that thinks the news media lack credibility. According to a survey. journalists are oow saying the same thing.

The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press interviewed 552 national and local journalists and news executives in print, television, radio and the Internet oo how

they view themselves.
The results, released Tuesday, indicate that journalists think that reporting has become sloppier, that too many reporters use their articles and newscasts to speculate or state opinion and that financial pressures bamper the quality of news

A solid majority of journalists now are extremely critical of their profession on questions of news blurring with entertainment and commentary blurring with reporting," said Tom Rosenstiel, director of the Project for Excellence in Journalism, a media think tank in Washiogton,

A Son Haunted by the Wagner Family Legacy

By Alessandra Stanley New York Times Service

MILAN — In Gottfried Wagner's basement office there is only one portrait of a composer. It is a concert poster of Franz Lizst, who among other things was Richard Wagner's father-in-law. The only likeness of Gottfried Wagner's most illustrious ancestor is a tiny framed black-and-white sketch of a 19th-century couple in a Venetian

in the picture is, says Gottliried Wagner, Richard Wagner. 'I have no pictures of Wagner or of Bayreuth,' Gottfried Wagner explained as he gave a tour. 'This is where I live and work. I couldn't bear to have such images around me." It is an odd flare of sensibility, given that Wagner, who turns 53 in April, has dedicated his adult life to proclaiming the unbearable heav-iness of being a Wagner.

Persona non grata at the family home in Bayreuth, Gottfried Wagner for years has haunted the lecture circuits of the United States, Europe and, beginning in 1990, Is-rael, talking about his feelings of guilt and anger as a German and, most particularly, as the direct desceodant of the great composer, whose music became the anthem of the Third Reich, and whose anti-Semitic writings helped legitimize those of Hitler.

'Because his music is so entwined with the totalitarian ideas, it cannot be innocently enjoyed."
Wagner said with an intensity that is his last remaining birthright. "I cannot listen to Wagner's music for

And fun is something that bas eluded Wagner. He now lives in a count of their relationship can be modest house in a small suburb found not in Gottfried's autobiooutside Milan with his Italian wife, Teresina, and their 14-year-old son, Engenio, a Romanian orphan they adopted in 1991. These days. Gottfried is mostly found on the road, promoting the American edition of his antobiography, "Twilight of the Wagners," which is due to arrive in bookstores in May.

Published two years ago in Ger-many, the book is ostensibly a look at how Wagner's heirs — mainly Gottfried's father, Wolfgang, and his pro-Nazi grandmother, Winifred cloaked their close relationship to Hitler to maintain their control of the Bayreuth Festival after World War II. For historians, or even for Germans who have been amply exposed to the bitter power struggle between Wagner family generations for control of the festival, there gondola; the male silhouette figure is little news in his book.

"Twilight of the Wagners" is a very personal cry of rage, but not so much at Wagner, who died six years before Hitler was born and 64 years before the author, who is the composer's great-grandson. Mostly, the autobingraphy is a son's attempt to get even with the father who neglected, belittled and then disowned him, a "Papa Dearest" set against the rich backdrop of Goetterdaem-merung and the Third Reich.

Gottfried, who is banned from the Bayrenth Festival, has no hope of ever succeeding his father, who at 80 still firmly rules the Festspielhaus. Gottfried said he long ago lost any ambition to do so. Now he just wants all other Wagners to be removed "Only by a real radical change can there be a real redemption," he said. "Even in my generation, the cousins have learned nothing from the Wag-

tatiously stripped of Wagner family mementos, the book is an act of defiance and retaliation, a poignant one in that the one person it was written for, his father, Wolfgang, will probably never read it. Perhaps the most chilling ac-

graphy, where his father is featured on almost every page, but in his father's coolly proud 1994 memoir telling how he revived Bayreuth from the ashes of Germany's de-

There are just two mentions of 1990. Gottfried said that even his only son, Gottfried. He makes today his father returns his letters



Like the basement office osteo
Cottfried Wagner: "I cannot listen to Wagner's music for fun."

of his birth. There is no further mention until page 176, where he sums up the family's epic disputes and estrangements in a paragraph. Asserting that his two children, Gottfried and Eva, never accepted his secood marriage or his unwillingness to give them a role in managing the Bayreuth Festival, be concludes, "So it was inevitable that we should drift apart." Hitler receives many more mentions.

Father and son have not spoken since Gottfried weot to Israel in an impersonal, one-sentence note and pictures of his grandchild.

PEOPLE

"Can you imagine sending back pictures of this lovely child," exclaimed Gottfried. "What does Eugenio bave to do with this dis-gusting family fight?"

memory, of being 4 years old and charge of anti-Semitism the most miserable at the boarding school to potent weapon to strike back at his which his parents had sent him in father. The work, emotional in 1951 so they could devote them-style and stinting on research, may selves to reopening the Bayreuth not convince many readers that Festival, suspended since the end. Gottfried is an impartial judge of of the war.

Misery and a rebellion hlunted by a desperate eagerness to be in-chided in the family business are the lietmotifs of Gottfried's youth. By that will be enough.

his mid-20s, unable to convince his father that he had musical talent of his own, he struck back, writing his university thesis on Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht. The import of his

choice was not lost on the family.

He cites the reaction of his
grandmother Winifred, who was an early and avid supporter of Hitler. "So you're getting mixed up with the Jews and even the left wing-

From there on, his story is a rather sad one of a young man in search of acceptance ontside the family. A musicologist, he has with limited success directed operas around the world, but not at Bayreuth. He said, and his cousin Eva Wagner concurred, that his father did his best to discredit him with

other opera houses.

But even outside the family circle, his is a life hatchmarked by disputes with friends and falling-outs with business associates. He finds solace in his wife's Italian relatives, "as warm as mine were cold," and in the company of Jews who savor the irony of a Wagner so repentently immersed in commem-orating the Holocaust.

Wagner's music is still banned in Israel. Wolfgang Wagner's efforts to reconcile Bayreuth and the Jews, notably by inviting a Jewish conductor, Daniel Bareuth, are somed by the son as a spinor, are somed by the son as insincere public re-lations efforts, or "Redemption

Gottfried is appalled by the family's past and the roots of German totalitarianism that are so entwined in Wagner's life and music. His book implicitly makes clear as well His book begins with his first that Gottfried has found in the the Wagner family sins, but it may well convince them that Wolfgang was a terrible father.

And for Gottfried, maybe finally



LET'S EAT - Gerry Thomas, creator of the TV dinner, leaving his palm prints at Mann's Chinese Theater to celebrate the repast's 45th year.

THE actor Tom Arnold has filed for divorce from his second wife, Julie Lynn Champnella, whom he matried after parting from the television per-sonality Roseanne. Arnold, who cited irreconcilable differences, met Champ-nella while she was a college student in Michigan. They have been married for three years and eight months.

A woman accused of stalking Dennis. Rodman has pleaded not guilty and has been ordered held on \$50,000 bail. Marie Boguszewski was charged in Newport Beach, California, with three counts of making terrorist threats and one count of electronic stalking. Pros-ecutors allege that she e-mailed and called Rodman's former agent hundreds of times to request a date with the basketball celebrity and that sho threatened to kill three employees of the agency when she learned the messages had not been forwarded to Rodman.

Princess Alexandra, the wife of

Prince Joachim of Denmark, is pregnant, the royal family announced in Copenhagen. The couple's first child is expected in September. The bahy will also be Queen Margrethe's first grandchild. Joachim is second in line to the throne after his older brother, Crown Prince Frederik, who is unmarried.

Spike Lee told students at the University of Georgia in Athens that his new movie, about the Son of Sam killer, isn't a diversion from his black-theme movies but a look at the region he loves."Black folks are saying Spike's sold out," he said. "For me this is a New York story." The movie depicts the hunt for David Berkowitz, who killed six people in random shootings in New York City in 1976 and 1977. The movie, "Summer of Sam," is duo out in July.

Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia, touted Fabio's ride on a new roller coaster called Apollo's Chariot as "Modern-Day Adonis vs. Ancient-Day

Sun God." But a bird apstaged the model. It flew into Fabio's nose, cutting him and sending blood streaking down his chin and cheeks, Fabio was treated for a one-inch cut on the bridge of his nose and released from a bospital. A park spokes-woman said, "We're very sorry that it happened. It was an act of nature."

Deutsche marks (about \$67,000). The diaries, which date from 1834 and continue until shortly before Hensel's death in 1847, contain descriptions of daily events in the Mendelssohn family. A music alhum of the Princess Marie von Sayn-Wittgenstein, which contains 48 The state library in Berlin has bought the largely unpublished diaries of Fanny-Hensel, sister of the composer Felix

Sayn-vingenstein, which contains 48 handwritten pages by such composers as Berlioz, Liszt, Smetana and Wagner, was bought by the Goethe and Schiller archive of Weimar, Germany, also for 120,000 DM.

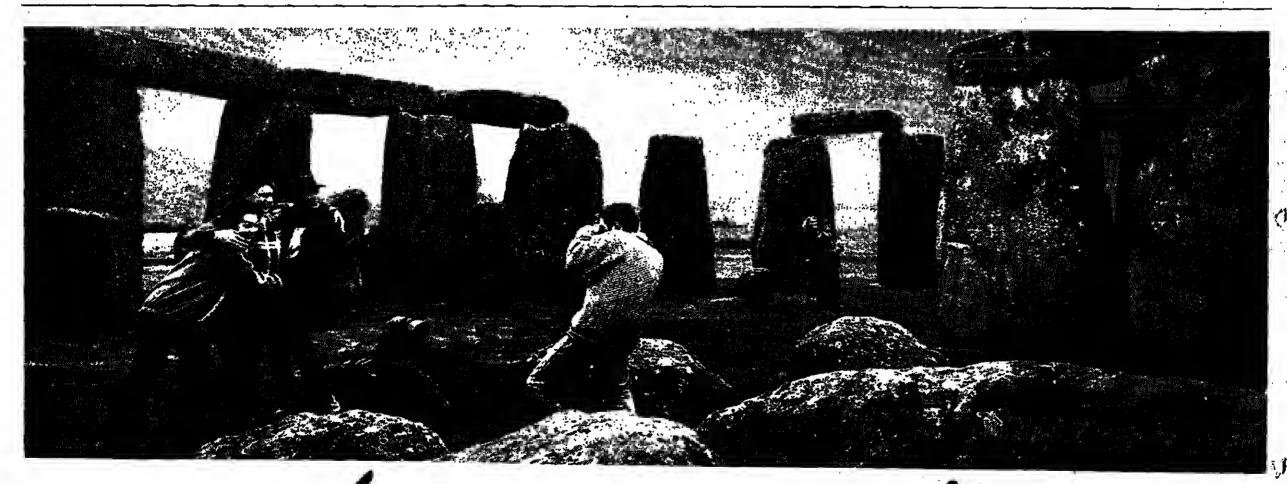
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Mendelssohn, at auction for 120,000

UN's Robinson Is Given Erasmus Prize

Agence France-Presse MSTERDAM - The 1999 Erasmus Prize has been awarded to Mary A MSTERDAM — The 1999 crasmus rice has been for Human Rights Robinson, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

since 1997, the Erasmus Foundation announced. The former president of Ireland received the prize in recognition of her role as a "worthy standard-bearer for collective responsibility" — the theme chosen for this year's award, which is the Netherlands' highest cultural prize. The foundation is named after the 15th-century Dutch humanist and is chaired by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, husband of former Queen



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